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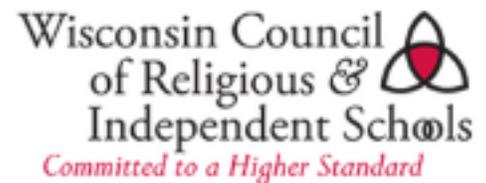
## **CESA 6 Offers WI Forward Exam to Private Schools**

*CESA 6 partnered with WCRIS to offer exam at reduced rate*

Oshkosh, WI – Private schools in Wisconsin can order the WI Forward Exam from CESA 6 at a reduced rate, thanks to a partnership between CESA 6 and the Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS).

Private, parochial and independent schools across the state can purchase the Forward Exam from CESA 6 for \$35 per student. Last year the exam cost \$50 per student.

WCRIS negotiated a reduced rate from the state Department of Public Instruction, and CESA 6 offered to provide the exam to private schools along with extra services. Those services include offering administrative and technological support before, during and after the testing.



Schools that order directly from CESA 6 also will be invited to attend a complimentary, exclusive summer learning and assessment seminar to review their school results and learn strategies to increase student performance. Schools also will gain access to CESA 6's paid services that include running school data and formulating school report cards; technology audit and site assistance; school assessment coordinator services and other professional development.

"We're fortunate that (WCRIS) reached out to us in a collaborative spirit of working with kids in Wisconsin," CESA 6 CEO Ted Neitzke said. "This meets our mission because it allows us to serve more students in our region and across the state. The overwhelming number of kids in the state of Wisconsin will end up at one point in their life attending a public school, and we want to support them."

WCRIS Executive Director Sharon Schmeling said, "We are thrilled to help private schools get affordable access to the state's testing program so parents can evaluate how their children are performing, regardless of where they attend school.

"Thanks to the leadership of Superintendent Evers, and the creativity of CESA 6, the state's public and private school systems are working together to improve student outcomes," Schmeling said.

The Wisconsin Forward Exam measures students' abilities in English language arts and math for third- through eighth-graders; social studies for grades four, eight and 10 and science for grades four and eight.

Schools interested in learning more can email [forward@cesa6.org](mailto:forward@cesa6.org). CESA 6 will send schools a fact sheet and short questionnaire to help guide them through the process. CESA 6 also has an [online order form](#).

[CESA 6](#) is a non-profit organization that provides professional development, products and services to schools in its Fox Valley region and across the state. [WCRIS](#) is a non-profit membership association representing more than 100,000 K-12 students in 600 religious and independent schools across Wisconsin.

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