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#### **Section 1.30 State Assessment**

The State Superintendent of Education shall develop and administer assessment instruments and other procedures in accordance with Section 2-3.64<u>a-5</u> of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.64]. In addition, school districts shall collaborate with the State Superintendent in the design and implementation of special studies.

- a) Development and Participation
  - 1) Assessment instruments and procedures shall meet generally accepted standards of validity and reliability as stated in "Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing" (20142013), published by the American Educational Research Association, 1430 K St., N.W., Suite 1200,

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Washington, D.C. 20005. (No later amendments to or editions of these standards are incorporated.)

- 2) Districts shall participate in special studies, tryouts, and/or pilot testing of these assessment procedures and instruments when one or more schools in the district are selected to do so by the State Superintendent.
- A school shall generally be selected for participation in these special studies, tryouts, and/or pilot testing no more than once every four years, except that participation may be required more frequently as needed to ensure sufficient sample size for validity twice every four years in the case of the Illinois Alternate Assessment.
- 4) All pupils enrolled in a public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board of control, a charter school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law [105 ILCS 5/Art. 27A], a school operated by a regional office of education under Section 13A-3 of the School Code [105] ILCS 5/13A-31, or a public school administered by a local public agency or the Department of Human Services and students receiving scholarships to attend nonpublic schools under the Invest in Kids Act [35 ILCS 40] shall be required to participate in the State's accountability assessmentsState assessment, whether by taking the regular assessment, with or without accommodations, or by participating in the State's approved alternate assessmentan alternate form of the assessment (Sections 2-3.25a and 2-3.64 of the School Code). Assessments in English/language arts and mathematics are administered annually in grades 3 through 11, and in grades 5, 8 and at least once in high school for science.
  - A) Students who are served in any locked facility that has a State-assigned RCDTS (region/county/district/type/school (RCDTS) code, students who attend public university laboratory schools under Section 18-8.05(K) of the School Code, and students beyond the age of compulsory attendance (other than students with IEPs) whose programs do not culminate in the issuance of regular high school diplomas are not required to participate in the State's accountabilityState assessment. Students with an IEP who receive an alternate diploma are required to participate in the State's accountability assessment during years of compulsory attendance.

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These student can be exempted only after participating in the State's final accountability assessment.

- B) It is the responsibility of each district or other affected entity (e.g., nonpublic school or special education co-operative) to ensure that all students required to participate in the State's accountabilityState assessment do so. See also Section 1.50 of this Part.
- 5) Each district or other affected entity shall ensure the availability of reasonable accommodations for participation in the <u>State's</u> accountabilityState assessment by students with disabilities, as reflected in those students' IEPs, <u>ISPs</u>, or plans developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), or limited English proficiency.

#### b) Assessment Procedures

- All assessment procedures and practices shall be based on fair testing practice, as described in "Code of Fair Testing Practices in Education" (2004), published by the Joint Committee on Testing Practices of the American Educational Research Association, American Psychological Association, and National Council on Measurement in Education, 750 First Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002-4242. (No later amendments to or editions of this code are incorporated.)
- Districts and other affected entities shall protect the security and confidentiality of all assessment questions and other materials that are considered part of the <a href="State">State</a>'s accountability approved State assessments, including but not necessarily limited to test items, reading passages, charts, graphs, and tables.
- 3) Districts shall promptly report to the State Superintendent all complaints received by the district of testing irregularities. A district shall fully investigate the validity of any such complaint and shall report to the State Superintendent the results of its investigation.
- Districts shall administer the State's final accountability assessment or itsit's approved alternate assessment the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) or the Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA), if applicable under subsection (d) of this Section, to students in grade 11. (See Section 2-3.64 of the School Code.) For the purpose of this subsection (b)(4), "grade 11" means the point in time when a student has

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earned the number of credits necessary for enrollment in grade 11, as determined by his or her school district in accordance with Sections 1.420(b) and 1.440 of this Part.

A district shall not promote a student to grade 12 status until that student has taken either the PSAE or IAA, as applicable.

- Districts shall ensure that students who have not taken the State's final accountability assessment at the highest grade or level assessed shall not graduate or receive a regular high school diploma. In accordance with Section 2-6.64a-5 of the School Code, districts may issue a regular high school diploma or graduate to a student who has not met this requirement with approval from the State Board of Education.
- To request approval to issue a regular high school diploma to graduate a student who has not taken the State's final accountability assessment, the school must submit to the State Board:
  - A) Explanation of why the student was not able to be assessed on the State's final approved accountability assessment in either grade 11 or 12, or commensurate final stage of a competency-based program.
  - B) Justification that granting the exemption does not represent systemic exclusion from accountability based on gender, race, disability, English Learner status, income or other demographic factors.
- 7) Schools within a district that exercise this exemption for less than 1 percent of the graduating cohort of that school year (i.e., all students receiving a regular diploma from that school within a single school year) will have these exemption requests approved without requiring additional evidence.
- 8) Schools within a district that exercise this exemption for more than 1 percent of the graduating cohort of that school year will be asked to submit additional evidence in support of subsection (b)(6)(B), and may receive additional support, monitoring or audits.
- c) Accommodations
  Students who have been identified at the local level as having limited proficiency in English as provided in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 228.15 (Identification of Eligible

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Students), including students not enrolled in programs of bilingual education, may participate in an accommodated setting for the State's accountabilityState assessment, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2-3.64 of the School Code. A student with limited proficiency in English shall be afforded extra time for completion of the State's accountabilityState assessment when, in the judgment of the student's teacher, extra time is necessary in order for the student's performance to reflect his or her level of achievement more accurately, provided that each test must be completed in one session. See also Section 1.60(b) of this Partpart.

- d) Illinois Alternate Assessment
  - The 1 percent of students Students with the most significant cognitive intellectual disabilities whose IEPs identify the State's regular accountability State assessment as inappropriate for them even with accommodations shall participate in the State's approved alternative accountability assessment Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA), based on alternate achievement standards aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards, for all subjects tested. See also Section 1.60(c) of this Part.
- e) Review and Verification of Information
  Each school district, and each charter school and nonpublic school participating in the Invest in Kids Act shall have an opportunity to review and, if necessary, correct the preliminary data generated from the administration of the State's accountabilityState assessment, including information about the participating students as well as the scores achieved.
  - 1) Within 10 <u>business</u> days after the preliminary data <u>from the accountability</u> <u>assessments is for the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and the IAA are</u> made available and within five days after preliminary data for the <u>PSAE are made available</u>, each district or charter school shall make any necessary corrections to its <u>demographic and score</u> data and then use a means prescribed by the State Board to indicate either:
    - A) that both its demographic and preliminary data are correct; or
    - B) that it is requesting rescoring of some or all portions of the assessment for specific students, if available.
  - 2) When districts request rescoring, staff of the State Board and/or its contractor shall have an additional period of 21 days within which to work

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with the affected district or charter school to make any resulting corrections.

- 3) At the end of the 21-day period discussed in subsection (e)(2) of this Section, all districts' and charter schools' data shall stand as the basis for the applicable school report cards and determination of status. Any inaccuracies that are believed to persist at that time shall be subject to the appeal procedure set forth in Section 1.95 of this Part.
- f) Reports of the State's Accountability State Assessment Results
  - 1) Following verification of the data under subsection (e) of this Section, the State Board shall send each school and district a report containing final information from the results of each administration of the State's accountabilityState assessment.
    - A) The scores of students who are served by cooperatives or joint agreements, in Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs established under Article 13B of the School Code, by regional offices of education under Section 13A-3 of the School Code, by local agencies, or in schools operated by the Department of Human Services, scores of students who are served in any other program or school not operated by a school district and who are scheduled to receive regular high school diplomas, all scores of students who are youth in carewards of the State, and all scores of students who have IEPs, shall be reported to the students' respective districts of residence and to the schools within those districts that they would otherwise attend.
    - B) The scores of students enrolled in charter schools shall be reported to the chief administrator of the charter school and to any school district serving as a chartering entity for the charter school.
    - <u>C)</u> The scores of students who were enrolled in a nonpublic school through the Invest in Kids Act scholarship program shall be reported to the students' nonpublic school of record.
  - 2) Each report shall include, as applicable to the receiving entity:

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- A) results for each student to whom the State assessment was administered (excluding any scores deemed by the State Board to be invalid due to testing irregularities); and
- B) summary data for the school and/or district and the State, including but not limited to raw scores, scale scores, comparison scores, including national comparisons when available, and distributions of students' scores among the applicable proficiency classifications (see subsection (h) of this Section).
- g) Each school district and each charter school shall receive notification from the State Board of Education as to the status of each affected school with respect to accountability and the district based on the attainment or non-attainment of adequate yearly progress as reflected in the final data. These determinations shall be subject to the appeal process set forth in Section 1.95 of this Part.
- h) Classification of Scores
  Each score achieved by a student on the State's regular or alternate State
  accountability assessment shall be classified among a set of performance levels,
  as reflected in score ranges that the State Board shall disseminate at the time of
  testing, for the purpose of identifying scores that "demonstrate proficiency".
  - Each score achieved by a student on a regular State assessment (i.e., the ISAT or the PSAE) shall be classified among categories such as "did not yet meet," academic warning ", "partially meet," below standards", "approaching," meets standards", "meet standards," or "exceeds standards". Among these scores, those identified as either meeting or exceeding standards shall be considered as demonstrating proficiency.
  - 2) Each score achieved by a student on the <u>State's approved alternate</u> accountability assessment <u>IAA</u> shall be classified <u>among categories such</u> as "<u>emerging,"entry", "approaching," foundational", "at target,"satisfactory"</u>, or "<u>advanced"mastery</u>". Among these scores, those identified as "<u>at targetsatisfactory</u>" or "<u>advancedmastery</u>" shall be considered as demonstrating proficiency.
- i) Scores Relevant to <u>Accountability Adequate Yearly Progress</u>
  For purposes of determining <u>a school's annual summative accountability rating</u>, whether a district or a school has made adequate yearly progress, scores <u>achieved</u> and measures of growth calculated from those scores <u>achieved</u> on the <u>State's</u> accountability <u>a State</u> assessment in reading or mathematics <u>from students who</u>

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attended the "same school within a local educational agency for at least half of a school year" (See Section 1111(c)(4)(F)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 USC 6301 et seq.)), shall be "relevant scores". For schools without grades higher than 2 and 3 (that is, for schools where the State's accountability no State assessment is not administered, and administered such that student growth can be calculated for attending students), the "relevant scores" used to determine the annual summative accountability rating determination as to whether a school in this group has made adequate yearly progress shall be current year data of students who were enrolled at the impacted school in the nearest year to have current applicable assessment data (i.e., a kindergarten-grade 3 school would map its 2016 grade 3 enrollments to use those students' 2017 grade 4 growth scores; a prekindergarten-grade 2 school would map its 2016 grade 2 enrollments to use those students' 2017 grade 3 English language arts and math proficiency scores, and would map its 2015 grade 2 enrollments to use those students' 2017 growth scores) the determination applicable to the school where the largest number of students go on into the third grade.

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#### **Section 1.50 Calculation of Participation Rate**

- a) A district's or a school's accountability score adequate yearly progress for a particular year is generally contingent upon participation in the State's AccountabilityState assessment by at least 95 percent of the district's or the school's students, both in the aggregate and within each subgroup represented. However, a district or a school that has not achieved 95 percent participation in a given year shall be considered to have had a participation rate sufficient for adequate yearly progress if, for each affected subgroup or the entity as a whole, as applicable:
  - the average of the participation rate for the year in question and the participation rate for the immediately preceding year is at least 95%; or
  - 2) the average of the participation rate for the year in question and the participation rates for the two immediately preceding years is at least 95%.
- b) Students who, at the time of administration of the <u>State's accountabilityState</u> assessment, are participating in residential programs that provide psychological treatment or treatment for drug or alcohol abuse, are jailed or in a locked-down facility, are residing in or attending facilities out of state or out of country, or are hospitalized because of medical emergencies or procedures shall not be required

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to participate in the <u>State's accountability State</u> assessment. For students who are
homebound, districts shall examine the circumstances of each case individually to
determine whether administration of the <b>State's accountability</b> State assessment is
feasible and appropriate. A student not tested pursuant to this subsection (b) may
be excluded from the enrollment counts of the affected schools and districts for
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