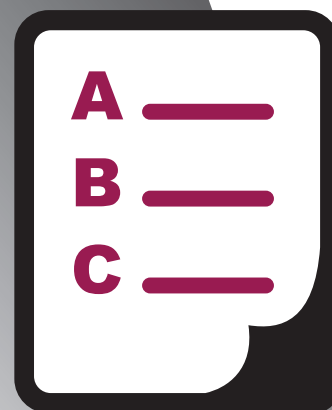


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### IAR Contact Information

For Questions About	Who to Contact	Contact Information and Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology, including PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> and TestNav</li> <li>Test administration</li> <li>Test materials</li> </ul>	Support Center	<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://il.mypearsonsupport.com">il.mypearsonsupport.com</a> <b>Hours:</b> 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Central <b>Telephone:</b> 833-213-3879 <b>Chat:</b> Log in to PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> and select <b>Click here for Live Chat</b> under <b>Contact Us</b> in the right side panel.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State-specific policies</li> <li>Test security</li> </ul>	District or State Contact	Follow state policies on who to contact (DTC or State Contact), available in <b>Appendix C</b> .

## What's New for Spring 2020

All student accommodations and accessibility features will be entered directly into PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> .	<p>Student accommodations and/or accessibility features will not be entered into ISBE's Student Information System (SIS). All student registration/demographic information will come directly from SIS, but all student accommodations and accessibility features will need to be entered directly in PAN.</p> <p>Detailed SR/PNP layouts and accommodation/accessibility templates are posted at <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/IAR.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/IAR.aspx</a> and <a href="https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/training-resources/">https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/training-resources/</a></p>
Spanish and Spanish Text-To-Speech no longer have the accommodation validations in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup>	Students who take the Spanish Transadaptation of the Mathematics assessment will no longer have a validation for EL designation in PAN. However, students are required to either have the EL designation, OR students must be enrolled in a dual language program to qualify for Spanish or Spanish Text-To-Speech.
Proctor Cache is no longer required under certain conditions	<p>If a district/school(s) has the required bandwidth and completed an Infrastructure Trial, that district and/or school(s) may be able to administer the assessments without a Proctor Cache server.</p> <p>Please review the posted December 5, 2019 ISBE-Pearson Infrastructure Trial &amp; Proctor Cache webinar presentation posted at ISBE.net.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">12/05/2019: Infrastructure Trial &amp; Proctor Cache Webinar Presentation</a></li> <li>• : <a href="#">Webinar</a></li> <li>• : <a href="#">Infrastructure Trial Accommodations Mock Data -Excel</a></li> <li>• : <a href="#">Infrastructure Trial Mock Data - Excel</a></li> </ul> <p>The Proctor Cache Decision tree is in Appendix G of this manual.</p>
Student Pre-ID labels	<p>Users can print student pre-ID labels for paper testing onsite within PAN. This option is for students who have moved into the district after the deadline for paper material order, or in situations where the original Pre-ID labels have been lost or inadvertently destroyed.</p> <p>Blank labels must be ordered from Pearson via the additional order process. Detailed instructions for printing can be found at <a href="https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/trainingresources/">https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/trainingresources/</a></p>
TestNav Updates	<p>The TestNav login screen now has an option to hide/unhide the password.</p> <p>The Answer Mask tool will honor the Color Contrast settings in accordance with the Accessibility standards.</p> <p>Desktop and Chromebook app now includes Zoom controls. There is enhanced usability and the tools will consolidate into a wrench icon at high level zooms.</p> <p>Students have the option (for ELA passages) to view the passage and item side-by-side or with the passage at the top of the page.</p> <p>More details can be found at <a href="https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/technology-setup/">https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/technology-setup/</a> under Additional Technology Resources.</p>
Additional Orders	All additional orders will be packaged as kits that contain all the materials necessary to test IAR.
<b>Reminder</b> PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> Training Site	If you are using the same user name for both the live and training/practice site and you change your password in either location, the password will be changed in both sites.

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## 1.0 Overview

The IAR assessments will be administered in either computer-based (CBT) or paper-based (PBT) format. English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) assessments will focus on writing effectively when analyzing text. Mathematics assessments will focus on applying skills and concepts, and understanding multi-step problems that require abstract reasoning and modeling real-world problems, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools. In both content areas, students will also demonstrate their acquired skills and knowledge by answering selected response items and fill-in-the-blank questions.

Each assessment comprises multiple units, and additionally, one of the mathematics units is split into two sections: a non-calculator section and a calculator section (Grade 6 and Grade 7). Refer to Section 2.4 for additional information about the number of units for each assessment.

### 1.1 About this Manual

This manual provides instructions applicable to Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators for the administration of the computer-based and paper-based versions of the IAR assessments, as well as the procedures and protocols to complete before, during, and after administration. Definitions for terms used in this manual can be found in **Appendix A**.



Throughout this manual, you will see this icon to note tasks or information (or entire sections) relevant only to computer-based tests.



Throughout this manual, you will see this icon to note tasks or information (or entire sections) relevant only to paper-based tests.

This manual also contains the policies related to test security and test administration that all school staff must follow.

**It is important to refer to Appendix C for state policies and procedures.**

All documents referenced in this manual can be found at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

All administration instructions for Test Administrators are included in the *Test Administrator Manuals (TAMs)*. The *TAM* also includes administration scripts, which are also available as separate documents at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. In addition to English, the scripts are translated into the following languages: Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, French, Gujarati, Korean, Polish, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu, and Vietnamese. The translated scripts are available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

### 1.2 Roles of Individuals

**The District Test Coordinator** is the individual at the district level who is responsible for the overall coordination of test administration. When testing issues arise, the District Test Coordinator is the main point of contact with your IAR State Contact and the IAR Customer Support Center.

**School Test Coordinator (STC)** is the individual at the school level who is responsible for the overall coordination of test administration. The role may be taken on by the Principal or Designee. This individual is responsible for coordinating test administration at his or her school. This individual is also responsible for all post testing procedures (e.g., stopping all online test sessions, returning of all secure materials).



**Test Administrator (TA)** is an individual at the school who is responsible for administering the assessment. Refer to **Appendix C** for qualifications. Districts may also have roles such as Test Examiner or Test Proctor, but for the purpose of this manual, the term Test Administrator is used.

In general, the following individuals may serve as a Test Administrator:

- Individuals employed by the district as teachers
- District- and school-level administrators
- Other certified educational professionals

Parents or legal guardians may NOT serve as a Test Administrator for their own child, unless otherwise specified (refer to **Appendix C**). In addition, student teachers may NOT serve as Test Administrators.

**Proctor** is an individual who may be called on to help a Test Administrator monitor a test unit under the supervision of the Test Administrator. A Test Administrator must be in the room at all times during testing if a Proctor is used. Student teachers may serve as Proctors who assist the Test Administrators. Refer to **Appendix C** for more information about state policy.

	A Proctor is recommended for all test sessions due to the nature of computer-based testing.
	A Proctor is recommended for all test sessions with more than 25 students.

**Technology Coordinator (TC)** is an individual at the school or district level who is responsible for setting up testing devices for computer-based testing. The School Test Coordinator must designate an individual who will be on-site to serve in this role during the administration.

Technology Coordinator responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring each testing device meets technology requirements
- Ensuring the infrastructure (e.g., wireless access points, bandwidth) is adequate
- Installing ProctorCache, if necessary
- Precaching test content, if using a ProctorCache server
- Set up the Secondary Save location for student responses in TestNav configuration of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>, if necessary.
- Purging test content from ProctorCache, if using a ProctorCache server
- Installing the TestNav application, if not using a browser-based TestNav
- Configuring TestNav in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>
- Helping with the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) file
- Managing problems with firewalls
- Removing (or turning off) any software that would allow secure test material on testing devices to be viewed on another testing device during testing
- Providing technical support for School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators

## 2.0 Test Security and Administration Policies

### 2.1 Maintaining the Security of Test Materials and Content

The administration of an IAR assessment is a secure testing event. Maintaining the security of test materials before, during, and after the test administration is crucial to obtaining valid and reliable results. School Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that all personnel with authorized access to secure materials are trained in and subsequently act in accordance with all security requirements.

School Test Coordinators must implement chain-of-custody requirements for materials as described in this section. School Test Coordinators are responsible for distributing materials to Test Administrators, collecting materials from Test Administrators, returning secure test materials, and securely destroying (refer to Sections 5.1.2 and 5.2.3 for directions on securely destroying) certain specified materials after testing as described throughout Section 5.0.

School Test Coordinators are required to maintain a tracking log to account for collecting and securely destroying secure test materials, including mathematics reference sheets written on by students and scratch paper written on by students. Schools must maintain the Chain-of-Custody Form or tracking log of secure materials for at least three years unless otherwise directed (refer to **Appendix C**). Copies of the Chain-of-Custody Form for computer-based testing can be found on <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. Copies of the Chain-of-Custody Form for paper-based testing will be included in each district or school's test materials shipment.

Test Administrators are NOT to have extended access to test materials before or after administration. Test Administrators must document the receipt and return of all secure test materials (used and unused) to the School Test Coordinator immediately after testing.

	<p>The following test materials are secure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student testing tickets</li> <li>• Mathematics reference sheets written on by students</li> <li>• Scratch paper written on by students</li> <li>• Human Reader scripts for mathematics (if applicable)</li> <li>• Tactile graphics (if applicable)</li> </ul>
	<p>The following test materials are secure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test booklets</li> <li>• Answer documents (grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Large print and braille test booklets</li> <li>• Mathematics reference sheets written on by students</li> <li>• Scratch paper written on by students</li> <li>• Human Reader scripts for mathematics (if applicable)</li> <li>• Tactile graphics (if applicable)</li> </ul>

#### 2.1.1 Test Coordinator Responsibilities for Maintaining Security

- Before testing, develop a security plan that aligns with school, district, and state policy.
- Authorize specific personnel to serve as Test Administrators and train them to properly administer IAR tests. Designate other school and/or district personnel as necessary to maintain a secure test administration and train them in IAR security requirements.
- Keep secure testing materials in locked central storage when IAR tests are not being administered.
- Monitor the receipt and distribution of all test materials.



To ensure the integrity of the test administration, School Test Coordinators may wish to periodically check student login records in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> to ensure that students in their school have only been logged in to TestNav on days they were expected to be testing.

## 2.1.2 Test Administrator Responsibilities for Maintaining Security

### 1. Receive training in administering test units properly and securely.

- Review the *TAM* and all relevant test security requirements before administering test units.
- Attend any training session(s) led by the STC/designee before test administration.
- Understand and follow the protocols related to administering accessibility features and accommodations, if applicable.

### 2. Administer all tests according to appropriate protocols.

- Administer tests during the testing window and in the prescribed order.
- Follow the directions and read the scripts in the *TAM* verbatim to students.
- Remove or cover any classroom displays that provide information related to the content being assessed or to test-taking strategies (refer to Section 2.3).
- Provide students with all required test materials listed in the *TAM*.
- Prevent the use of prohibited materials (refer to Section 2.3) during testing units. Note that results may be invalidated for students who use cell phones or other prohibited electronic devices during a test unit, including after a student turns in his or her test materials, or during a break (See exception listed in Section 2.2.1).

### 3. Focus full attention on the testing environment at all times during testing.

- Monitor the testing process by continually moving unobtrusively about the room. While monitoring the classroom, for paper-based testing, **a Test Administrator may view students' test booklets and answer documents for the sole purpose of confirming that students are working in the correct unit.** A Test Administrator may not review test booklets and answer documents and/or confirm whether a student has responded to all test items.
- Ensure that students are supervised during testing, including during breaks.
- Ensure students are working only on the unit being administered. If a Test Administrator observes a student working in the incorrect unit of the test or reviewing the incorrect unit of the test, this can be a testing irregularity that must be reported to the STC. See **Appendix C** for state policy on how to handle these situations.

### 4. Ensure that students do NOT participate in any form of cheating.

- Ensure that students do not consult notes, textbooks, or other teaching materials; do not share test questions with other students; and do not consult other students, school personnel, or anyone else during testing. Test Administrators are responsible for ensuring that students are not able to see content on other students' test materials or on students' testing devices.

### 5. Do NOT provide unauthorized assistance to a student that could impact his or her answers.

- At any time during a test session, a Test Administrator may repeat a portion of the *TAM* script if necessary for clarification.
- However, Test Administrators must not assist a student during testing or alter or interfere with a student's response in any way that would impact his/her answers. Examples of unauthorized assistance include, but are not limited to:
  - Providing answers to a student
  - Indicating that a student has answered a question incorrectly or left a question blank
  - Defining words or providing synonyms
  - Spelling words
  - Influencing a student's responses by offering verbal or non-verbal hints, clues, or cues
  - Altering, explaining, simplifying, or paraphrasing any test question, reading passages, writing prompt, or multiple-choice answer option
  - Suggesting that a student write more on a question, check his or her work, or review or reconsider a response to a question



**6. Follow proper test security procedures for providing accessibility features or accommodations.**

- Ensure that students are ONLY provided accommodations that are listed specifically for use during IAR testing in an approved IEP or a 504 plan, or an EL plan.
- Follow guidelines on proper administration of accommodations or accessibility feature as prescribed in the *IAR Accessibility Features and Accommodations (AF&A) Manual*.

**7. Follow chain-of-custody requirements to return all test materials after testing.**

## 2.2 Testing Irregularities and Security Breaches

Any action that compromises test security or score validity is prohibited. These may be classified as testing irregularities or security breaches. Section 2.2.1 contains examples of activities that compromise test security or score validity (note that these lists are not exhaustive). It is recommended that School Test Coordinators discuss these and other possible testing irregularities and security breaches with Test Administrators during training. Refer to Section 2.2.2 for information on reporting testing irregularities and security breaches.


### 2.2.1 Examples of Testing Irregularities and Security Breaches

Examples of test security breaches and irregularities include but are not limited to:

- **Electronic Devices Irregularities**

- Using a cell phone or other prohibited handheld electronic device (e.g., smartphone, iPod®, smart watch, personal scanner, eReader) while secure test materials are still distributed, while students are testing, after a student turns in his or her test materials, or during a break.
  - Exception: Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Proctors are permitted to use cell phones in the testing environment ONLY in cases of emergencies or when timely administration assistance is needed. DTCs may set additional restrictions on allowable devices as needed.
  - Exception: Certain electronic devices may be allowed for medical or audiological purposes during testing. Some states may require prior approval for this exception. Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy.

- **Test Supervision Irregularities**

- Coaching students during testing, including giving students verbal or nonverbal cues, hints, suggestions, or paraphrasing or defining any part of the test
- Engaging in activities (e.g., grading papers, reading a book, newspaper, or magazine) that prevent proper student supervision at all times while secure test materials are still distributed or while students are testing
- Leaving students unattended without a Test Administrator for any period of time while secure test materials are still distributed or while students are testing (Proctors must be supervised by a Test Administrator at all times)
- Deviating from testing time procedures as outlined in Section 2.4
- Allowing cheating of any kind
- Providing unauthorized persons with access to secure materials
-  Unlocking a test in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> during non-testing times without state approval
- Failing to provide a student with a documented accommodation or providing a student with an accommodation that is not documented and therefore is not appropriate
- Allowing students to test before or after the test administration window without state approval

- **Test Materials Irregularities**



Losing a student test booklet or answer document

- Losing Human Reader scripts
- Leaving test materials unattended or failing to keep test materials secure at all times
- Reading or viewing the passages or test items before, during, or after testing
  - Exception: Administration of a Human Reader/Signer accessibility feature for mathematics or accommodation for ELA/L which requires a Test Administrator to access passages or test items
- Copying or reproducing (e.g., taking a picture of) any part of the passages or test items or any secure test materials or online test forms
- Revealing or discussing passages or test items with anyone, including students and school staff, through verbal exchange, email, social media, or any other form of communication
- Removing secure test materials from the school building or removing them from locked storage for any purpose other than administering the test

- **Testing Environment Irregularities**

- Failing to follow administration directions exactly as specified in the *TAM*
- Displaying any resource (e.g., posters, models, displays, teaching aids) that defines, explains, illustrates terminology or concepts, or otherwise provides unauthorized assistance during testing
- Allowing preventable disruptions such as talking, making noises, or excessive student movement around the classroom
- Allowing unauthorized visitors in the testing environment
  - Unauthorized Visitors—Visitors, including parents/guardians, school board members, reporters, and school staff not authorized to serve as Test Administrators or Proctors, are prohibited from entering the testing environment.
  - Authorized Visitors—Visits by state assessment office monitors, DTC monitors, and state-authorized observers are allowed based on state policy, as long as these individuals do not disturb the testing process. Refer to **Appendix C** for details about observation visits.

### 2.2.2 Reporting Testing Irregularities and Security Breaches

For a list of security breaches and irregularities that must be reported and documented, refer to state policy in **Appendix C**. If an incident must be reported according to state policy, follow the protocol outlined below:

- The incident must be reported to the School Test Coordinator immediately.
- The School Test Coordinator or District Test Coordinator contacts ISBE.
- The Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach (available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> or refer to **Appendix D**) must be completed and submitted within five school days of the incident, unless otherwise directed by your District Test Coordinator or IAR State Contact.
- If follow-up documentation is required by your District Test Coordinator or State Contact, complete any additional documentation.
- Occasionally, individuals will contact state department of education offices with allegations of testing irregularities or security breaches. In these instances, the state's designee may contact the School Test Coordinator or District Test Coordinator and ask the individual to investigate the allegations and report back to the appropriate state-level organization.

## 2.3 Testing Environment

The testing environment is defined as the location in which students are actively testing (e.g., classroom, computer lab). It is important to establish procedures to maintain a quiet testing environment throughout testing. When setting up the testing environment, the following should be taken into consideration:

- Some students may finish testing before others, and the expectations for what those students may do must be established in advance of the testing day. Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy on what students may do after testing.
- Unauthorized visitors are prohibited from entering the testing environment as described in Section 2.2.1.
- The testing sign in **Appendix C** in the *Test Administrator Manual* should be posted on the outside of the room door.
- Prohibited classroom resources (on the next page) should be removed or covered.

### Administration Considerations for Students

The School Test Coordinator has the authority to schedule students in testing spaces other than regular classrooms, and at different scheduled times, as long as all requirements for testing conditions and test security are met as set forth in this manual. Accordingly, School Test Coordinators may determine that any student may require one or more of the following test administration considerations, regardless of the student's status as a student with a disability or as an English Learner:

- Small-group testing
- Frequent breaks
- Time of day
- Separate or alternate location
- Specified area or seating
- Adaptive and specialized equipment or furniture

For more information on administrative considerations that are available for ALL students, refer to Table 2 of the *IAR Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual*.

### Materials Prohibited in the Testing Environment

Prohibited materials can compromise test security and violate the construct being measured by the assessment, thus producing invalid results. Prohibited materials must be covered or removed from the testing room.

The following materials may NOT be used at any time during a unit, including after a student has completed testing (e.g., turns in his or her test booklet) or during a break. Students, Test Administrators, Proctors, or other authorized persons in the test environment may not possess these or any other materials.

- **Materials Prohibited During All Units**
  - All personal electronic equipment not related to testing (e.g., cell phones, iPods®, personal document scanners, eBooks, electronic pens, smart watches; refer to Section 2.2.1 for one exception)
  - Any resource (e.g., books, posters, models, displays, teaching aids) that defines, explains, illustrates terminology or concepts, or otherwise provides unauthorized assistance during testing. Refer to the *AF&A Manual* for additional information on approved resources for a student with a disability or an English Learner.
  - Mathematical formulas, number lines, and conversion tables other than the grade-specific, IAR-provided mathematics reference sheets

- Any manipulative not approved through a unique accommodation request prior to testing\* (refer to Section 6.2 for more information)

\*Check state policy.

Follow the general rule that if the material in question may help the student answer or find an answer, post or copy materials, it is NOT allowed in the testing environment.

Prior to testing, Test Administrators should instruct students to place all prohibited materials out of reach during testing (e.g., locker, book bag). If a student is found to have any prohibited materials in his or her possession upon arrival for testing, the Test Administrator must instruct the student to hand in the materials or follow your local policy. As a reminder, if a student is found to have prohibited materials (including cell phones) during live testing, the test may be invalidated.

Other materials may be permitted after a student has completed testing. Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy.

#### Exceptions for Test Accommodations

A student with a disability or a student who is an English Learner may be allowed to use certain tools or materials that are otherwise prohibited during testing, if the accommodation is documented in the student's IEP or 504 plan (or EL plan, if required by (or EL plan).

## 2.4 Scheduling and Testing Time

### Administration Dates

All test units, including make-up testing (refer to **Appendix A** for definitions of session and unit), must be completed during the state testing window (refer to **Appendix C** for the state testing window).

### Testing Time

IAR tests are strictly timed, and no additional time may be permitted (with the exception of an extended time accommodation as noted in Section 3.6.3). Test Administrators are responsible for keeping time during testing.

**Administration Time** is the total time that schools should schedule for each unit. It includes the unit testing time and the approximate times for administrative tasks such as reading instructions to students, answering questions, distributing test materials, closing units, and collecting test materials (shown in Table 2.0 below).

Example: When the unit testing time is 75 minutes, schools might schedule a total of 100 minutes: 15 minutes for reading directions + 75 minutes of testing + 10 minutes for closing the unit.

Test administration times are shown in Table 2.0 (note that times vary by content area, unit, and grade). In planning the school's IAR assessment administration schedule, School Test Coordinators should plan for the entire unit testing time for each unit.

**Table 2.0 Administration Time**

Guidelines for Scheduling	Task	Administration Time
	1. Pre-administration tasks, including reading instructions to students and answering questions	10 minutes
	2. Distribution of test materials to students	5 minutes
	3. Administration of unit	Refer to Unit Testing Times below (60–90 minutes)
	4. End-of-unit activities, including logging students out of TestNav and collecting test materials	5–15 minutes

**Unit Testing Time** is the amount of time that must be provided to any student who needs it to complete the unit. Tables 2.1–2.3 show the amount of time for each unit. Test Administrators are responsible for keeping track of time during testing. Please note, in in grades 6 and 7 the total unit testing time for Unit 1 mathematics includes the time for both non-calculator and calculator sections.

If **all** students have completed testing before the end of the unit testing time, the unit may end. Once the unit testing time has been reached, the unit must end, except for students with extended time accommodations. Refer to **Appendix C** for information about state policy regarding what students may do if they complete a unit prior to the end of the unit testing time.

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**Table 2.1 Unit Testing Times for Grades 3–5**

Subject(s)	Unit	Section	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Mathematics Grade 3 Mathematics Grade 4 Mathematics Grade 5	Unit 1	Non-calculator	60
	Unit 2	Non-calculator	60
	Unit 3	Non-calculator	60
ELA/Literacy Grade 3	Unit 1		75
	Unit 2		75
ELA/Literacy Grade 4 ELA/Literacy Grade 5	Unit 1		90
	Unit 2		90

\*Some schools will be selected for field testing in English language arts/literacy for the spring administration. If a school is selected, some students will take an additional unit: a field test task (Grade 3 unit time = 75 minutes, Grades 4 & 5 unit time = 90 minutes).

**Table 2.2 Unit Testing Times for Grades 6–8**

Subject(s)	Unit	Section	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Mathematics Grade 6 Mathematics Grade 7	Unit 1	Non-calculator	60
		Calculator	
	Unit 2	Calculator	60
	Unit 3	Calculator	60
Mathematics Grade 8	Unit 1	Non-calculator	60
	Unit 2	Calculator	60
	Unit 3	Calculator	60
ELA/Literacy Grade 6 ELA/Literacy Grade 7 ELA/Literacy Grade 8	Unit 1		90
	Unit 2		90

\*Some schools will be selected for field testing in English language arts/literacy for the spring administration. If a school is selected, some students will take an additional unit: a field test task (unit time = 90 minutes).

### 2.4.1 Participation in the ELA/L Field Test

Students participating in the ELA/L field test will have three units. Test Administrators should use the same test administration scripts they use for other ELA/L units. Schools participating in the ELA/L field test should have been notified of their participation. Please check with your district or state if you are uncertain if your school is participating.

### 2.4.2 Guidelines for Scheduling

Units may be scheduled at any time on regular school days during the student's normal school hours throughout the scheduled testing window. Contact your district if you have any questions about your testing dates.

Schools are encouraged to schedule testing for the early part of each testing window to maximize the number of available test days in case of weather-related disruptions or other issues. Testing should be scheduled on regular school days (i.e., not early dismissal days) during the testing window to ensure students have sufficient time. A test session (ELA/L or mathematics) may be scheduled across multiple days with one or more units administered each day. It is highly recommended that schools schedule **no more than two units per day** for any given student. When scheduling multiple units for a single day, schools should account for breaks between units (refer to Section 3.6.4 for the policy on breaks).

Schools may test multiple classrooms in one testing location, if desired, provided the unit is the same content area, has the same length of testing time, and uses the same administration script provided in the *Test Administrator Manual*. For example, a school may test Grade 4 Math and Grade 5 Math for Unit 1 together because they are the same content area, have the same testing time, and use the same administration script (available in the *Test Administrator Manual*). If using this option, schools may need to arrange for additional staff members to be available at the beginning of a unit to help students log in and begin testing. For a complete list of units that may be tested together, see **Appendix F** or refer to *Guidance on Testing Multiple Grades Concurrently in the Same Testing Environment* available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

Each student is expected to complete a unit in a single sitting (i.e., all at once), with limited exceptions due to illness during testing (refer to Section 3.6.2 below). **Units must be administered in sequential order with the exception of make-up testing.** Schools may use their discretion in deciding which content areas are scheduled on what days, so long as units within each content area are scheduled in sequential order.



For security purposes, each unit (e.g., Unit 1, Unit 2) should be scheduled **as close together as possible** for all students within the same grade—with the exception of make-up testing (refer to Section 3.6.2).



For security purposes, each unit (e.g., Unit 1, Unit 2) must be completed by all students within the same grade **on the same school day**—with the exceptions of make-up testing (refer to Section 3.6.2) and students with an extended time accommodation (refer to Section 3.6.3).

### 2.4.3 Make-Up Testing

Students who are NOT tested on the regular administration date should participate in make-up testing. Make-up tests may be scheduled after the original unit as long as it falls within the testing window. Every attempt should be made to administer make-up tests to students who were absent during the originally scheduled units.

Schools should consider that units may have different testing times when scheduling make-up tests. Students who require make-up testing may not be able to test together, if they are taking different units that have different administration times, unless otherwise noted in state policy (refer to



**Appendix C).** For example, a student making up the Grade 3 ELA/L Unit 1 test may not be able to test in the same room at the same time as a student making up the Grade 6 ELA/L Unit 2 test because the units have different unit testing times (refer to Table 2.1).

If a student starts a unit and leaves the testing environment (e.g., due to illness, family emergency) without finishing that unit, he or she may be allowed to complete that unit on a different day. Test Administrators must note the exact place in the unit where the student stopped and the amount of time remaining. Students are NOT allowed to alter any previously entered or written responses. They must pick up exactly where they left off.



Tests will automatically resume at the exact point where a student exited. Test Administrators must closely monitor make-up testing to ensure students do NOT alter any previously entered responses.



Test Administrators must closely monitor make-up testing to ensure students do NOT alter any previously written responses.

For make-up testing, it is recommended that the student who missed a unit continue testing with his or her original testing group when he or she returns. The student will then complete the missed unit during make-up testing. Alternatively, if the school is able to schedule the make-up unit before the original testing group moves onto the next unit, the school may allow the student to make up the unit and then continue with his or her original testing group. School Test Coordinators should advise Test Administrators that the same test security and administration protocols must be in place for make-up tests as for the tests administered on the regularly scheduled days. When establishing a testing schedule, School Test Coordinators should identify specific make-up testing day(s).



For make-up testing for computer-based testing, step-by-step directions are available in the *Make-Up Testing Directions for Computer-Based Testing* guidance document available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. Make-up testing days may be used to test students who are affected by technology failures or interruptions.

#### 2.4.4 Extended Time

A student may be allowed an extended time accommodation beyond the unit testing time up to the end of the school day to complete a unit **ONLY IF** this accommodation is listed in his or her IEP or 504 plan (or EL plan). It is highly recommended these students be scheduled to test in a separate setting. Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy. A student may be on a different testing schedule from other students because of this accommodation, as long as testing is completed within the testing window (in addition, each unit must be completed on the day on which it begins).



When establishing a testing schedule, School Test Coordinators should account for students with extended time accommodations and consult with the Technology Coordinator regarding proctor caching requirements for devices used in the separate setting.



#### 2.4.5 Breaks Between Testing

If administering more than one unit back-to-back, scheduled breaks are highly recommended between units. During the break, students are permitted to go to the restroom, stretch, and get a drink, if needed. Refer to Section 2.4 for additional information regarding breaks.

## Break Policy

School Test Coordinators must determine and discuss procedures for breaks with Test Administrators prior to testing day. For breaks during testing, there should NOT be conversations among students, and students are NOT permitted to use electronic devices, play games, or engage in activities that may violate the validity of the test. Students must be supervised at all times during breaks, including short breaks between units.

Test Administrators are responsible for ensuring that students are not able to see content on other students' test materials or on students' testing devices. IAR policies for breaks are below. Refer to state policy in **Appendix C** for additional requirements regarding breaks.

	During short breaks, visual blocks should be applied to students' computer screens (e.g., turn off the monitor, tape folders to the screen) instead of having students use computer functions to exit and resume the test. The Test Administrator should also ensure the security of students' scratch paper and mathematics reference sheets (if locally printed).
	The Test Administrator should ensure the security of students' test booklets, answer documents, scratch paper, and mathematics reference sheets.

**Restroom breaks during a unit:** During a unit, individual restroom breaks may be provided at the discretion of the Test Administrator. It is recommended that no more than one student at a time be allowed to use the restroom and students be supervised. Unit time may NOT be adjusted for restroom breaks, and students should be encouraged to use the restroom prior to the beginning of the testing unit.

**Classroom stretch break during a unit:** At the discretion of the Test Administrator, a classroom may take one "stand-and-stretch" break of up to three minutes during testing, and the Test Administrator may adjust unit time by no more than three minutes.

**Breaks between units:** If administering two or more units back-to-back, scheduled breaks are highly recommended between units. During the break, students are permitted to go to the restroom, stretch, and get a drink, if needed.

**Frequent breaks:** Frequent breaks may be offered as an administration consideration. Refer to state policy in **Appendix C**.










## 3.0 BEFORE Testing






This section describes activities the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) must complete before the first day of testing. Some or all tasks in this section may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to your DTC or state. Since Section 3.1 only provides a checklist of tasks, refer to Sections 3.2–3.12 for more details.




### 3.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators to Complete BEFORE Testing






Completing tasks during the timelines in this checklist are strongly recommended.

CBT/PBT	DTC	STC	TC	Task	Reference
At Least Two Months Before Testing					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Complete PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> Setup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register students (including PNP to ensure accommodated materials are ordered in the initial shipment).</li> <li>Assign user roles.</li> </ul>	Section 3.2 and <a href="http://pearsonaccessnext.com">http://pearsonaccessnext.com</a>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Develop security, training, and logistics plans for test administration.	Section 3.3
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Establish the test schedule.	Section 3.6

At Least One Month Before Testing					
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Review student accommodations/accessibility features list and develop a plan to track accommodations use.	<i>AF&amp;A Manual</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet with Technology Coordinators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss test security and administration protocols and plans.</li> <li>Plan technology setup.</li> <li>Review test day activities.</li> </ul>	Section 3.4
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete relevant training modules.	<a href="http://il.mypearsonsupport.com">http://il.mypearsonsupport.com</a> and Section 3.3.1
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Technology Set up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check every device and inventory software applications—some applications will need to be closed/disabled on all testing devices on test days.</li> <li>Verify content filter/firewalls and allow the appropriate sites.</li> <li>Set up the secondary save location for student responses in TestNav configuration of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup></li> <li>Configure common applications (e.g., anti-virus, email notification, pop-up blockers, automatic updates) to NOT launch on test-taking devices during testing.</li> <li>Download and install ProctorCache, if necessary.</li> <li>Run App Check.</li> <li>Run Assess Testing Capacity in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.</li> <li>Create/edit TestNav configuration in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.</li> <li>Load and configure a supported browser or TestNav App that is compatible with the testing devices.</li> <li>Conduct Infrastructure Trial (recommended).</li> <li>Prepare Test Administrator devices for testing.</li> </ul>	Section 3.5 and <i>Infrastructure Trial Readiness Guide</i>

CBT/PBT	DTC	STC	TC	At Least One Month Before Testing, continued	
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Schedule and administer tutorials and practice tests (recommended). Encourage teachers to familiarize students with the ELA/Literacy scoring rubrics.	<a href="http://il.mypersonsupport.com">http://il.mypersonsupport.com</a> and Section 3.7
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Review security, training, and logistics plans for test administration.	Section 3.3
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Schedule and conduct trainings for Test Administrators and Proctors, including accommodations training.	Section 3.3.1
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Meet with students to review test day procedures.	Section 3.12
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Update student registration and PNP as needed.	<a href="http://il.mypersonsupport.com">http://il.mypersonsupport.com</a>

CBT/PBT	DTC	STC	TC	At least Two Weeks Before Testing	
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Finalize the testing locations and assign Test Administrators and Proctors to student testing groups.	Section 3.11
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Ensure all staff have reviewed and signed a security agreement if required by state policy.	<b>Appendix B</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Meet with Test Administrators and Proctors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss test security and administration protocols and plans.</li> <li>Review day of test activities.</li> </ul>	Section 3.8

CBT/PBT	DTC	STC	TC	At Least One Week Before Testing	
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Receive, document, and store materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure each test booklet has a corresponding answer document with the appropriate grade (grades 4–8).</li> <li>Account for damaged test materials.</li> <li>Submit Additional Orders, as needed.</li> </ul>	Sections 3.10.2–3.10.4
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up test sessions in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Print student testing tickets.</li> <li>Confirm Test Administrator accounts are active.</li> <li>Check that online form assignments and PNPs are correct.</li> <li>Ensure students are in the correct test sessions, including students requiring Human Reader test sessions.</li> <li>Establish secondary cache server (if necessary).</li> </ul>	Section 3.2.3, Section 6.2, and PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> Online User Guide
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm results of the Infrastructure Trial have been resolved, then freeze the environment for testing.	Infrastructure Trial Readiness Guide
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare test sessions and confirm that online form assignments and PNPs are correct.	Section 6.2 and PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> Online User Guide
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Precache operational tests.	PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> Online User Guide

CBT/PBT	DTC	STC	TC	Day of Testing	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm that tests are precached.	<i>Proctor Caching Guide</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare sessions in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> and confirm that online form assignments and PNPs are correct.	Section 6.2 and <i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Check that online form assignments and PNPs are correct.	<i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/>		Start test sessions in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> and unlock the first test unit.	<i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>

## 3.2 PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Setup

District and School Test Coordinators must ensure all data and information for the district and school are properly configured in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> ([pearsonaccessnext.com](http://pearsonaccessnext.com)), the management system for online and paper testing. The following sections provide guidance on the tasks for the setup of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. For each of these tasks, there are step-by-step instructions available in the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> training modules (available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>).

### 3.2.1 Student Registration and PNP

Review the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) training module and guidance documents before registering your students to ensure that the student registration data load successfully. Test Coordinators or their designee should complete the SR/PNP training module (available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>) and carefully review the *IAR Student Registration PNP Field Definitions* document (available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>).

	In order to receive test materials, including paper-based accommodated test materials, tactile graphics for computer-based testing, and Human Reader Scripts, Test Coordinators must note any paper accommodations in the SR/PNP by the initial order deadline or place an additional order after the receipt of initial shipment of test materials.
	<b>Spring administration only:</b> In order to receive student ID labels and the correct amount of test materials, Test Coordinators must ensure student registration data are uploaded to PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> by the state deadline.

Refer to **Appendix C** for policies regarding Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile files. Guidance for accessing, navigating, and using PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> is available in the *PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide*.

### 3.2.2 Assign and Update User Roles

Staff administering the test or who need to make updates in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> will need to be provided with user accounts for PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Refer to the User Roles Training Module and the *User Role Matrix* document for detailed information about user roles and creating accounts. Users will have different levels of access depending on the user roles they are assigned. If you cannot access the site, contact your district or IAR State Contact.

Returning users may need to reset their passwords in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>; after 180 days of inactivity, passwords are no longer valid.

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### 3.2.3 Create and Manage Test Sessions (For Computer-Based Testing Only)

Test sessions are groupings of students who will take the same test at the same time and place. Use an easily identifiable naming convention (e.g., Mrs. Smith's Grade 3 Math Classroom) for the session name in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. In PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> test sessions, School Test Coordinators may need to view or edit test session details (e.g., add, remove, or move students) and add or change the test form assigned to students. Test sessions will also be used to generate and print student testing tickets.

Scheduling a date and time for a test session in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> is intended for planning purposes. A test session will NOT start until the Test Administrator clicks **Start** on the **Students in Sessions** screen, regardless of the scheduled start date and time. You can update the details (e.g., date, time, location) of each test session any time before a session is started.

**Note:** Human Reader test sessions must be set up separately from other test sessions. Refer to the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Students in Sessions Training Module available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for more information.

### 3.2.4 Verify Test Form Assignments (Accommodated Computer-Based Testing)

To ensure students have the correct accessibility features and accommodations before test administration begins, follow the process below:

1. Register students for testing using the SR/PNP Import or User Interface.
  - All PNP information must be included in the upload for students needing accessibility features and accommodations.
2. Run the PNP/Accommodations for Student Tests operational report and review with appropriate staff to make sure students are identified correctly with the appropriate accessibility features and accommodations.
3. Confirm test session setup and add students to test sessions.
4. Precache tests, if necessary.
5. Prepare test sessions.
6. Verify form assignments (for form-supported accommodations).
  - In PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>, select **Testing > Students in Sessions**.
  - On the **Students in Sessions** screen, add test sessions to the **Sessions List** by typing the test session name in the **Add** text field.
  - Check for an accommodation indicator next to the State Student ID (SSID).

Prior to testing, it is a best practice to review your school's student registration/PNP data loaded in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> and form assignment within test sessions. Once a student starts a test with the incorrect PNP form assignment, the task of correcting the PNP form assignment requires more steps. If accommodations are not assigned correctly and the student completes testing, the score may be invalidated. For more information on available accommodations, see the *AF&A Manual* and Section 6.2 of this manual.

For additional information and step-by-step directions, refer to the *IAR Personal Needs Profile (PNP) Guidance—Managing Incorrect Accessibility Features and Accommodation PNP Data* document available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

### 3.2.5 Managing Testing for Students Who Transfer Schools

During testing, it is possible students will transfer between schools or districts. In the event of a student transfer, student registration information in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> must be updated. This can be done via the user interface, the data file upload process, or by submitting a Work Request. Step-by-step directions for these processes can be found in the *Transfer Student (CBT) Guidance* document posted at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. All transfers will require the student's original school/district and new school/district to complete tasks before they are finalized.

Whenever possible, it is recommended that students complete testing at the original school before transferring. Transferring student tests and registrations will require coordination between schools.



Students will resume their tests in TestNav at the new school.



Test Coordinators must review their state policy for procedures on securely transferring test booklets and answer documents or testing using a new test booklet and answer document.

### 3.3 Develop a Test Administration Plan

#### 3.3.1 Training Plan

School Test Coordinators are responsible for training all School Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, Proctors, and all other staff with access to secure materials. Training attendance should be documented and kept on file according to state policy (refer to **Appendix C**). An effective training plan will familiarize all school staff with their individual responsibilities and IAR Test Security policies listed under Section 2.0. The School Test Coordinator will:

- Explain chain-of-custody requirements.
- Distribute and/or provide links to the *Test Administrator Manuals* to Test Administrators before this meeting.
  - Manuals are available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.
  - Test Administrators will read scripts and other instructions from the *Test Administrator Manual*. A script-only document, as well as translated scripts, are available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.
- Show and discuss the Test Administrator training modules found at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> or direct them to this location for viewing at their convenience.
- Ensure applicable staff receive administration and technical updates on <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.



Ensure Technology Coordinators are trained on the technology setup resources at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.



Ensure all relevant staff understand their user roles in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> and how to complete tasks (as applicable).



Ensure all relevant staff are familiar with tutorials and practice tests.



Indicate how Test Administrators can get assistance for technical issues from Technology Coordinators during testing, if necessary.



Review plans for an Infrastructure Trial.

#### 3.3.2 Security Plan

School Test Coordinators must develop a security plan for their school. An effective security plan will accomplish the following:

- Inform all individuals with access to secure materials of security protocols, prohibited activities, testing irregularities, security breaches, and sign the Security Agreement if required by the state (refer to **Appendix C**).
- Establish and document the chain-of-custody of test materials (described in Section 2.1).
  - Ensure that test materials are accounted for at all times before, during, and after test administration.
  - Chain-of-Custody Form templates are available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.
- Designate a central locked location with limited access for secure storage of test materials.

- Document that Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Proctors have received necessary materials and training for successful, secure administration of the IAR assessments.
- Establish who is responsible for securely destroying or recycling specified test materials after administration (described in Sections 5.1.2 (CBT) and 5.2.3 (PBT)).

**Note:** Failure to implement an effective security plan may result in test invalidations.

### Security Agreement

**Appendix B** lists security protocols that all individuals with access to secure materials must follow.

Before testing, all staff (e.g., District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, Proctors, observers) with access to secure test materials should review the security agreement and sign the security agreement. School staff are required to maintain signed copies (paper copies or scanned forms stored electronically) for 3 years.

### 3.3.3 Prepare the Testing Environment

When choosing testing locations, School Test Coordinators should make sure assessment settings have good lighting and ventilation, comfortable room temperatures, and are as free as possible from noise and interruptions so students can work comfortably and without disruption. Chairs should be comfortable and tables at an appropriate height with sufficient room for approved testing materials. Confirm that each student will have adequate work space and be sufficiently separated from other students to support a secure testing environment. Check that all needed materials and equipment are available and in good working condition.

Changes to the setting, including the testing location and conditions within the testing environment can benefit students who are easily distracted in large groups or who concentrate best in small group and individual settings.



To maintain security in a computer-based testing environment, IAR suggests the following ideal configurations for seating students:

- Seat students in every other seat.
- Arrange monitors back-to-back.
- Seat students back-to-back.
- Seat students in a semicircle.
- Seat students in widely spaced rows or in every other row.

If an ideal appropriate seating configuration is not possible, physical and visual barriers between testing devices should be used to prevent students from viewing other monitors. Schools may already have one or more of the following materials available that can be adapted for this purpose:

- Card stock (e.g., manila folders) that can be taped to the sides of monitors
- Flattened cardboard boxes that can be cut, folded, and taped to form a visual barrier between testing devices
- Tri-fold display boards (such as those used for science project exhibits) that can stand freely between testing devices
- Cardboard carrels
- Privacy screens that narrow the viewing angle of a computer monitor so that it is visible only to someone sitting directly in front of it. Schools that have privacy screens available should affix them to monitors prior to the beginning of testing and ensure that students are seated so that they cannot view the monitor of the student seated in the row in front of them.

In the event that a laptop or other modular devices are used, they must be monitored and may NOT be removed from the test setting during test administration.



### 3.4 Meet with Technology Coordinators

Meet with your school's Technology Coordinator to explain the procedures for the IAR assessment, the infrastructure preparations that will need to be made at your school, and the level of technical support that your school may need from this individual during testing. These meetings should include but are not limited to the following tasks:

- Review IAR resources available for preparing for computer-based testing, including training modules and the technology set-up page available on <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.
- Review the technology specifications for testing and discuss your school's technology readiness. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to check the current specifications and requirements as these may change between administrations. Specifications and requirements can be found at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.
- Discuss the tasks for completing technology set-up (refer to Section 3.5) and timeline for completion.
- Create PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> user accounts for technology coordinators.
- Verify that a secondary save location for student responses has been set up in the TestNav configuration of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
- Schedule and plan an Infrastructure Trial (if necessary). Show and discuss the Infrastructure Trial training module or direct them to its location online (<http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>) for viewing at their convenience.
- Discuss a plan for logistics (including testing schedule) and how to resolve any hardware or network issues.
- Request that the Technology Coordinator remain in the school building to assist with troubleshooting during the days that students will be testing and create an escalation protocol for technical issues on or before testing day.
- Discuss your school's security plan, including creating and maintaining a secure testing environment.
- Review the Security Agreement and receive a signed copy (refer to **Appendix C**).

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### Complete Technology Setup (For Computer-Based Testing Only)

#### 3.5.1 Plan an Infrastructure Trial

The Infrastructure Trial introduces students to the TestNav testing interface through the online test content and prepares Test Administrators to understand their responsibilities in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.

This is a dress rehearsal to confirm that:

- TestNav is configured correctly.
- ProctorCache software is installed, if applicable (see Appendix G for proctor caching recommendations).
- Devices and assistive technology can successfully interact with TestNav.
- Your network can support school-wide testing.
- Participating staff know the proper procedures for administering computer-based tests.
- Students are familiar with the computer-based tools and format, including the use of student testing tickets.

All instructions required to run an Infrastructure Trial are included in the *Infrastructure Readiness Guide* posted on <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

The Infrastructure Trial should take approximately 60 minutes to administer. Schools are encouraged to provide feedback on the Infrastructure Trial to DTCs.

### 3.5.2 Prepare Student Testing Devices

Prepare testing devices to meet security needs:

- Any software that would allow secure test content on student testing devices to be viewed on another computer must be turned off.
- Any applications that can automatically launch on a testing device should be configured not to launch during testing. Common applications that can launch automatically include anti-virus software performing automatic updates, power management software on laptops (low-battery warning), screen savers, and email message notifications. These will cause TestNav to close.
- If using tablet devices, determine whether the school will use external keyboards (which are highly recommended). The decision should be generally consistent with what is used during instruction.
- Ensure headphones are available as needed (see Section 3.9.1).

Maximize the number of wireless access points, and limit the number of testing devices per wireless access point. Positioning testing devices as close as possible to wireless access points is preferable, as well as limiting obstructions between testing devices and wireless access points.

Use the Assess Testing Capacity tool in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> to verify that the school has the appropriate amount of bandwidth for online testing.

**Note:** Refer to the technology set-up page on <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for more information on downloading the TestNav app.

### 3.5.3 Prepare Test Administrator Testing Devices and Proctor Caching Computer (if necessary)

Test Administrators will require a computer or device that meets the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> system requirements in the testing environment to start, monitor, and manage test sessions in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Position the Test Administrator computer in a location where all students can be seen while monitoring student testing statuses. Set up testing computers or devices so that the URL shortcut for PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> is available.

Depending on network bandwidth a district and/or school may need to set up a proctor caching computer. The proctor caching computer downloads and stores test data, such as multimedia or test questions, and then serves that data to individual testing devices from within the local network. Because cached test content is closer to testing devices, the amount of internet bandwidth required for online testing is reduced. See Appendix G to determine if your district and/or school requires proctor caching. Proctor caching software needs to be downloaded from PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Refer to the *PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide* for complete proctor caching details and instructions.

## 3.6 Establish a Testing Schedule

Refer to Section 2.4 for guidance on scheduling sessions. If applicable, check with your District Test Coordinator to determine whether the district has more specific requirements for testing dates and times. Units must be administered in order, with the exception of make-up testing.

## 3.7 Schedule Tutorials and Practice Tests

Administering the tutorials and practice tests is an important preparation step for both administration staff and students. It is highly recommended that School Test Coordinators develop a plan to provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the IAR assessment using the IAR tutorials and practice tests available online at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. Tutorials familiarize students and educators with the item types, testing tools, accessibility features, accommodations, and test format and/or navigation of TestNav (CBT only) that will be used for IAR assessments. Practice tests provide a similar testing experience for each grade and content area. In addition, answer keys are available, and for the ELA/L assessments, the writing rubrics are available for each grade level. Practice Tests are available on <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> and via an infrastructure trial in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.






During the test, Test Administrators will NOT be allowed to assist students with TestNav functionality and navigation. Therefore, it is important that these questions be answered during tutorials and practice tests. Districts and schools may set their own schedules, but the tutorials and practice tests should be administered on a separate day before the IAR assessment is administered. Note, there may be changes in TestNav from year-to-year. Therefore, it is important to administer the current tutorials and practice tests each year, so that students have an opportunity to practice with any new functionality.

School staff should encourage teachers to familiarize students with the ELA/L scoring rubrics prior to administration to help them understand the criteria by which their responses to prompts on ELA/Literacy assessments will be scored. These scoring rubrics can be found at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

### 3.8 Meet with Test Administrators and Proctors

To prepare Test Administrators and Proctors for the IAR assessment, schedule a meeting with them prior to the administration to review their responsibilities. This meeting should include but is not limited to the following tasks:

- Discuss training as specified in Section 3.3.1.
- Discuss your school's security plan and emphasize the following:
  - Chain-of-custody requirements
  - Testing irregularities and security breaches
  -  When to unlock test units in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>
  - Policies on testing time
  - Active proctoring during testing (i.e., focusing full attention on students at all times to confirm that students are working independently)
- Review IAR policies and procedures, as well as any state policies (refer to **Appendix C**), and emphasize the following:
  - Test Administrators must use timing boxes.
  - Test Administrators may post "Go On" and "Stop" signs as visual cues for students at the start of testing (a copy of the sign is available in the *TAMs*).
  - Test Administrators and Proctors shall NOT comment on any student work at any time.
  - Test Administrators and Proctors shall NOT help students in any way except to clarify the general instructions or provide directions as specified in the *TAMs*.
  - Clarify the types of questions from students Test Administrators can answer during testing.
  - Under no circumstances are students to be prompted to revise, edit, or complete any test questions during or after testing.
  - All test items and all student responses, including student work on scratch paper, in the IAR assessment are secure and may NOT be released, copied, or duplicated in any way, or kept at the school once testing is completed.
- Review local policies for testing day, including but not limited to:
  - Procedures for breaks
  - Calculators
  - Mathematics tools
  - Procedures for students who finish early, including allowable materials for students after testing
  - Procedures for dismissing ill or disruptive students
  - Escalation protocol for technical issues on testing day

- Review accessibility features and accommodations that will be available in the IAR assessments.
  - Ensure that Test Administrators who will administer accessibility features or accommodations that require Test Administrator interaction (e.g., Human Reader/Human Signer) have specific training so that they know what is allowed during the assessment.
  - Provide Test Administrators and Proctors with his or her assigned group of students for testing.
  - Provide a copy of the testing schedule to Test Administrators and Proctors, and explain how it will be implemented for your school.
  - Explain that some mathematics units include a non-calculator and a calculator section and that testing time includes both sections.
  - Inform Test Administrators and Proctors of your school's procedures for make-up testing.
  - Review the security agreement and receive signed copies, if required (refer to **Appendix C** for state policy).
-  Ensure that PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> user accounts for Test Administrators have been created before testing and review tasks for PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> as needed. Refer to the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> training module for task-based modules on how to start, monitor, and end test sessions.
-  Review common TestNav errors and how to resolve them.

### 3.9 Organize Test Materials for Computer-Based Testing

District and School Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring the school has all necessary testing materials and tools available and organized prior to the start of testing. Secure materials should be kept in a centrally located, locked storage with limited access.

#### 3.9.1 Secure and Nonsecure Test Materials

The School Test Coordinator must distribute test materials to and collect materials from the Test Administrators each test administration day. To maintain their security, test materials must NOT be stored in classrooms prior to or following the day of administration.

Test materials that must be distributed to and collected from Test Administrators include:

- **IAR-supplied materials (printed from PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> at the district or school)**
  - Student testing tickets
- **IAR-supplied materials (shipped by vendor):**
  - TAMs
- **School-supplied materials**
  - Wooden No. 2 pencils with eraser(s)
  - Blank scratch paper
    - Test Administrators must supply at least one sheet of unused scratch paper (blank, lined, or graph) for each student. Students can request more scratch paper during the unit, if needed.
    - If graph paper is used during instruction, it is recommended that schools provide graph paper as scratch paper for mathematics units.
    - Test Administrators are responsible for collecting all used scratch paper to be securely destroyed. Schools may reuse unused scratch paper (only if paper is completely blank).
  - Calculators (if using hand-held calculators; see Calculators section for more information)
  - Mathematics tools (see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for more information)

- Mathematics reference sheets (may be printed locally; see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for more information)
- Testing devices that meet the minimum technology specifications set forth by Pearson (**Note:** A student should NOT supply his or her own device for testing.)
- Headphones (see Headphones section for more information)
- Materials necessary for the administration of accommodations or accessibility features (For a full list of materials included in accommodated kits, see Section 6.2.)
- Timing device such as a clock or watch, to keep track of time during testing (if one is not clearly visible within the testing room)
- “Testing — Please Do Not Disturb” sign to post on the doors of the testing rooms (a copy of the sign is available in the TAMs)
- Computer or tablet for Test Administrators if they are managing test sessions

### Calculators

- For grades 3–5, calculators are allowed for accommodation use only. Students with a calculator accommodation may only use a four-function calculator with square root and percentage functions.
- For grades 6–7, students may only use four-function calculators with square root and percentage functions for all calculator sections.
- For grade 8, students may only use scientific calculators for all calculator sections.

For computer-based testing, the calculator will be available through the testing platform. In order to provide comparability across schools, students must only use calculators that are allowable for their grade assessment. Allowing the use of a calculator that is designated for a lower or higher grade level assessment may unfairly disadvantage or advantage students and is, therefore, not allowed. Only students with a specific calculator accommodation may use calculators outside of their grade level.

Districts or schools may provide students with hand-held calculators during calculator sections of mathematics units. Districts or schools should make this determination based on what is regularly used during instruction. If districts or schools choose this option, DTCs will determine who is responsible for providing hand-held calculators (e.g., school, student).

Additionally, schools must adhere to the following additional guidance regarding calculators:

- No calculators with Computer Algebra System (CAS) features are allowed.
- No tablet, laptop (or PDA), or phone-based calculators are allowed during IAR assessments.
- Students are NOT allowed to share calculators with another student during a test unit.
- Test Administrators must confirm that the memory on all calculators has been cleared before and after the testing sessions.
- Calculators with “QWERTY” keyboards are NOT permitted.
- If districts or schools permit students to bring their own hand-held calculators for IAR assessment purposes, School Test Coordinators or Test Administrators must confirm that the calculators meet IAR requirements as defined above.

For students who meet the guidelines in the *AF&A Manual* for a calculation device, this accommodation allows a calculation device to be used on non-calculator sections of any IAR mathematics assessment. If a student needs a calculator as part of an accommodation in a non-calculator section, the student will need a hand-held calculator because an online calculator will NOT be available. If a student needs a specific calculator (e.g., large key, talking), the student may also bring his or her own, provided it is specified in his or her approved IEP or 504 plan. For more clarifications and complete guidance, refer to Section 3 (4D and 4E) of the *AF&A Manual* and the Calculator FAQ’s under the Calculator Policy at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

## Mathematics Tools for Administration

The tools listed below are optional for students who use them in daily instruction and who may find them useful during administration. If the tools are provided to students during administration, it is recommended that students have ample opportunity to practice with the practice tests or sample items using these tools.

- **Rulers and Protractors:** For computer-based assessments, required tools will be provided through the TestNav platform. Schools may not provide their own rulers and protractors in the grades where rulers and protractors are IAR-provided tools (see Table 3.0).
- **Paper Copies of Mathematics Reference Sheets:** For computer-based testing, mathematics reference sheets are available to students in grades 5–8 through the testing platform. However, schools may choose to locally print and provide copies to students during testing. If providing students with printed copies of the mathematics reference sheets, the following protocols must be followed:
  - The printed copies must be IAR-approved mathematics reference sheets, available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.
  - The copies must be free of any writing or notes.
  - If students write on the mathematics reference sheets during testing, the reference sheets are then considered secure materials and must be securely destroyed after testing that unit.
- **Geometry Tools:** Tracing paper, reflection tools, straight edges, and compasses are optional for the grade 8 mathematics. Geometry tools are NOT allowed for grades 3–7.

**Table 3.0 Rulers and Protractors for Computer-Based Testing**

Grade(s)	IAR (Provided)	Allowable (Not Provided)
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruler (<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch)</li> </ul>	–
Grades 4–7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruler (<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch)</li> <li>• Protractor</li> </ul>	–
Grades 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruler (<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protractor</li> </ul>

If these tools are used, place the materials in a predetermined location in the testing room. If schools allow students to bring their own tools, they must be given to the School Test Coordinator or Test Administrator prior to testing to ensure that the tools are appropriate for testing (e.g., tools do NOT have any writing on them). For more Mathematics Tools clarifications, please see the Mathematics Tools policy at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

## Headphones

Headphones are needed for all ELA/L units, as well as for students who receive the text-to-speech accommodation for ELA/L assessments or the text-to-speech accessibility feature for mathematics assessments.

Stand-alone headphones (i.e., headphones not connected to a device) are also an accessibility feature; therefore, some students may use headphones as noise buffers to minimize distractions or filter external noise during testing. If students use headphones for this purpose, Test Administrators are responsible for ensuring that the headphones are NOT plugged into any device.

Schools have several options for ensuring they have a sufficient number of headphones. First, schools can instruct students to bring their own headphones. Second, if schools have a smaller number of headphones than students testing at the same time, schools can separate classes into a smaller number

of students for administration. Third, schools can purchase additional device-compatible headphones. For computer-based tests (ELA/L and accessibility features/accommodation) students should set the volume to the highest level on the device at the sign-in screen in TestNav. Students can adjust the volume level within TestNav at any point in the unit.

**Note:** Music programs on all testing devices should be closed and not running in the background.

### Human Reader Scripts

Schools will receive paper copies of Human Reader scripts for students registered to take mathematics assessments with the Human Reader accessibility feature or accommodation. These secure documents are required to be used when providing a Human Reader accessibility feature for mathematics. Human Reader scripts must be returned to Pearson at the end of testing.

These scripts are necessary for the completion of testing and are considered secure materials. If students were not properly registered prior to the deadline, Test Coordinators must place an additional order for these materials. Refer to Section 3.10.4 for guidance on placing an additional order. Be sure to select “CBT Reader Scripts” from the materials drop-down on the **Edit Materials Order** screen.

Scripts are not provided for the computer-based English language arts/literacy assessments. Test Administrators will use the Proctor Authorization Ticket to read the test to all students in the session.



## 3.10 Organize Test Materials for Paper-Based Testing

District and School Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring the school has all necessary testing materials and tools available and organized prior to the start of testing. Test materials will be automatically generated through the SR/PNP, provided the state deadline is met. Secure materials should be kept in a centrally located, locked storage with limited access.

### 3.10.1 Secure and Nonsecure Test Materials

The School Test Coordinator must distribute test materials to and collect materials from the Test Administrators each test administration day. To maintain their security, test materials must NOT be stored in classrooms prior to or following the day of administration.

Test materials that must be distributed to and collected from Test Administrators include:

- **IAR-supplied materials (shipped by vendor)**
  - Test booklets
  - Answer documents (grades 4-8)
  - Mathematics reference sheets (grades 5–8)
  - Rulers and protractors (if applicable, see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for additional information)
  - TAMs
- **School-supplied materials**
  - Wooden No. 2 pencils with eraser(s)
 

**Note:** Mechanical pencils must NOT be used; students should bring No. 2 pencils on the day of the test, but a supply should also be available.
  - Blank scratch paper
    - Test Administrators must supply at least one sheet of unused scratch paper (blank, lined, or graph) for each student. Students can request more scratch paper during the unit, if needed.
    - If graph paper is used during instruction, it is recommended that schools provide

graph paper as scratch paper for mathematics units.

- Test Administrators are responsible for collecting all used scratch paper to be securely destroyed. Schools may reuse unused scratch paper (only if paper is completely blank).
- Calculators (see Calculators section for additional information)
- Mathematics tools (see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for additional information)
- Materials necessary for the administration of accommodations or accessibility features (For a full list of materials included in accommodated kits, see Section 6.2.)
- Timing device such as a clock or watch, to keep track of time during testing (if one is not clearly visible within the testing room)
- “Testing — Please Do Not Disturb,” “Go On” (PBT only), and “Stop” (PBT only) signs to post on the doors of the testing rooms or the board (a copy of the sign is available in the TAMs)

### Calculators

- For grades 3–5, calculators are allowed for accommodation use only. Students with a calculator accommodation may only use a four-function calculator with square root and percentage functions.
- For grades 6–7, students may use only four-function calculators with square root and percentage functions for all calculator sections.
- For grade 8, students may use only scientific calculators for all calculator sections.

In order to provide comparability across schools, students must only use calculators that are allowable for their grade assessment. Allowing for the use of a calculator that is designated for a lower or higher grade level assessment may unfairly disadvantage or advantage students and is, therefore, not allowed. Only students with a specific calculator accommodation may use calculators outside of their grade level.

During units that are comprised of both a non-calculator section and calculator section, students will be prompted to raise their hand to ask for a calculator if this option applies.

Additionally, schools must adhere to the following additional guidance regarding calculators:

- No calculators with Computer Algebra System (CAS) features are allowed.
- No tablet, laptop (or PDA), or phone-based calculators are allowed during IAR assessments.
- Students are NOT allowed to share calculators with another student during a test unit.
- Test Administrators must confirm that the memory on all calculators has been cleared before and after the testing sessions.
- Calculators with “QWERTY” keyboards are NOT permitted.

For students who meet the guidelines in the *AF&A Manual* for a calculation device, this accommodation allows a calculation device to be used on non-calculator sections of any IAR mathematics assessment. If a student needs a specific calculator (e.g., large key, talking), the student may also bring his or her own, provided it is specified in his or her approved IEP or 504 plan. For additional clarifications, refer to the Calculator FAQ’s under the Calculator Policy at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

### Mathematics Tools for Administration

The tools listed below are optional for students who use them in daily instruction and who may find them useful during administration. If the tools are provided to students during administration, it is recommended that students have ample opportunity to practice with the practice tests or sample



items using these tools.

- **Rulers and Protractors:** Pearson will provide required rulers and protractors for paper-based assessments at certain grade levels, as outlined in Table 3.1.
  - Required tools will be included in the shipment of materials.
  - Students are not permitted to use outside rulers or protractors if these tools are provided for use on their grade level assessment.
  - Protractors are an optional tool for grade 8 mathematics courses. Pearson will not provide these materials.
- **Mathematics Reference Sheets:** Mathematics reference sheets are provided in the test materials shipments for grades 5–8.
  - The copies must be free of any writing or notes. Do NOT distribute copies with student writing.
  - If additional copies are needed, schools may either locally print the IAR-approved copies available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> (recommended) or order them through PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
  - If students write on the mathematics reference sheets during testing, the reference sheets are then considered secure materials and must be securely destroyed after testing that unit.
- **Geometry Tools:** Tracing paper, reflection tools, straight edges, and compasses are optional for the grade 8 mathematics assessment.

**Table 3.1 Rulers and Protractors for Paper-Based Testing**

Grade(s)	IAR (Provided)	Allowable (Not Provided)
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruler (<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch)</li> </ul>	—
Grades 4–7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruler (<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch)</li> <li>• Protractor</li> </ul>	—
Grade 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruler (<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> inch)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protractor</li> </ul>

If these tools are used, place the materials in a predetermined location in the testing room. If schools allow students to bring their own tools, they must be given to the School Test Coordinator or Test Administrator prior to testing to ensure that the tools are appropriate for testing (e.g., tools do NOT have any writing on them). For more Mathematics Tools clarifications, please see the Mathematics Tools policy at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

### 3.10.2 Receive, Document, and Store Materials

Test booklets and answer documents are shrink-wrapped separately and packed in boxes, clearly labeled with the school's name, and shipped to either the District Test Coordinator or the School Test Coordinator (refer to **Appendix C** for the dates that materials are scheduled to arrive). Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy about shipments.

Shrink-wrapped packages can be opened at the school level five school days prior to the day of testing.

Each day before and after test administration, both scorable and nonscorable test materials must be stored in a secure location, and daily distribution and collection must be documented using the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log (refer to Section 2.1). Follow the instructions below for receiving materials and taking inventory, which should be done immediately after receiving test materials.

- Remove the packing list and School Chain-of-Custody Form from box 1.

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- Remove the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” Review the contents of this package and notify the DTC if additional materials are needed. Place the Test Coordinator Kit, and all of its contents, in a secure location to be retrieved after the completion of testing. The kit contains the following items:
  - Resealable plastic bag (holds all materials)
  - Paper bands for bundling and returning scorable test booklets (grade 3) and scorable answer documents (grades 4–8)
  - Pearson Return Labels for **scorable** materials (Scorable and nonscorable labels will be different colors.)
  - Pearson Return Labels for **nonscorable** materials (Scorable and nonscorable labels will be different colors.)
  - UPS Ground Return Labels for **scorable** materials
  - UPS Ground Return Labels for **nonscorable** materials
  - Pre-printed/pre-gridded Scorable Materials Return School Header
  - Student ID labels (one per student)
  - Student Roster
  - Pearson Return Instructions Sheet
  - Shipping Carrier Return Instructions
- Count the materials received to verify that the quantities listed on the school packing list were shipped as indicated, and also that there is an adequate number of *Test Administrator Manuals*, test booklets, and answer documents (for grades 4–8) for students in the school. Schools will be provided a five percent overage of these testing materials. If additional materials are needed, submit an additional order through PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
  - One *Test Administration Manual* will be provided for every 25 students registered in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
- Ensure that any missing or damaged test booklets and answer documents are replaced. If additional materials are needed, submit an additional order through PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
- Keep all test materials in centrally located, locked storage with limited access until distributing them to the Test Administrators. Test materials must be distributed only on the test administration day and must be returned to the School Test Coordinator for secure storage immediately after testing using the Chain-of-Custody Form or other equivalent (except when needed for accommodations).
- Remind Test Administrators that all test materials are secure and must be returned immediately after testing.
- Keep all boxes in which the test materials were delivered for returning materials when testing is complete.
- Report the following occurrences immediately to Pearson using the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in **Appendix E**.
  - Non-receipt of any packages of test booklets or answer documents listed on the School Packing List
  - Discovery of a damaged test booklet or answer document
  - Discovery of missing or duplicate sequence numbers on any test booklets or answer documents. Barcodes for test booklets are on the front cover in the lower right-hand corner.



### 3.10.3 Account for Damaged Test Booklets and Answer Documents (For Paper-Based Testing Only)

Review your shipment for damaged materials. Return damaged test booklets and answer documents with all other nonscorable materials.

During testing, if a student discovers a damaged test booklet or answer document, give the student a replacement test booklet or answer document. When the student completes all units, follow the directions for transcription in Section 5.2.2. Grid all student demographic information on the replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8). Then follow instructions in Section 5.2.2 for “Do Not Score” booklets (grade 3) and answer documents (grades 4–8).

### 3.10.4 Additional Orders

Do NOT submit additional orders prior to receiving your initial shipment of test materials. All test materials should be inventoried prior to submitting any additional orders.

Ordering additional materials is a two-step process:

1. Orders are created, edited, or canceled by the District or School Test Coordinator.
2. Orders are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Refer to the *User Role Matrix* document posted on the **Support > Documentation** page of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> for more information.

Additional orders may be placed by submitting an order through the **Orders & Shipment Tracking** page in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. This page can also be used to track orders placed by your organization.

Be sure to review orders carefully. Once an additional order is approved, plan for up to five business days for orders to arrive.

For a detailed list of materials that are included in accommodated kits, see Section 6.2.



- Additional copies of the *Test Coordinator Manual* and/or the *Test Administrator Manual* can be ordered using the additional order process.
- If you have students requiring paper-based accommodated test materials, tactile graphics, or Human Reader scripts, their student registration import must be completed by the initial order deadline to receive an initial order of accommodated materials. Otherwise, you will need to place an additional order for paper-based accommodated test materials.

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## 3.11 Finalize Preparations for Computer-Based and Paper-Based Testing

Before testing, School Test Coordinators must confirm the following tasks have been completed:

- Verify that testing rooms are configured so that students are separated by a reasonable distance to encourage independent work and to prevent cheating.
- Ensure testing rooms are clear of all instructional displays (refer to Section 2.3 for prohibited materials).
- Prepare to distribute testing materials to Test Administrators.



For computer-based testing, School Test Coordinators must also:

- Confirm that all the testing devices meet the requirements needed to administer the computer-based tests.
- Confirm that headphones are available for every student taking computer-based tests for ELA/L or accommodations/accessibility purposes only.
- Print student testing tickets.
- Confirm that precaching activities are complete, if applicable.
- Create computer-based test sessions in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
- Verify the students needing accessibility features and/or accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech) have been assigned the correct test form.
- If needed, remind Test Administrators that there are task-based PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> training modules on how to start and stop test sessions.



For paper-based testing, School Test Coordinators must also record all test materials (with security numbers listed on the secure documents) in chain-of-custody documentation in preparation for hand-off to Test Administrators on testing day.

### 3.12 Meet with Students

Prior to testing, it is recommended School Test Coordinators meet with students to review the following information:

- Testing schedule
- Materials students are allowed to bring with them to testing (e.g., headphones, hand-held calculators, recreational book for after testing)
- Policy that making calls, texting, taking pictures, and browsing the internet are NOT allowed in the testing environment
- Any local school procedures during testing (i.e., procedures for breaks)

## 4.0 DURING Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) to perform during testing days. Section 4.1 provides directions for schools administering computer-based testing and Section 4.2 provides directions for schools administering paper-based testing. Some or all tasks in these sections may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to your district or state.

### 4.1 Computer-Based Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) during testing days. Section 4.1.1 contains the checklist for all activities related to computer-based testing while Sections 4.1.2–4.1.6 contain specific details for tasks during testing.

#### 4.1.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators to Complete DURING Computer-Based Testing

Completing tasks during the timelines in this checklist is strongly recommended.

DTC	STC	TC	Task	Reference
Day of Testing				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Test Administrators have a computer or tablet available.	Section 3.5
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Distribute test materials to Test Administrators.	Section 3.9
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Manage test sessions in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> .	Section 4.1.2
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Monitor each testing room to ensure that test administration and security protocols are followed, and required administration information is being documented and collected. Be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators.	Section 4.1.4
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Investigate all testing irregularities and security breaches and follow state policy for reporting these incidents.	Section 2.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ensure that Test Administrators provide applicable students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features.	Section 4.1.4
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Schedule and supervise make-up testing.	Sections 3.6.2 and 4.1.5
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Create make-up test sessions in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> .	Section 4.1.5
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Respond to all technology-related issues.	Section 4.1.3
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Collect materials from Test Administrators.	Section 4.1.5
	<input type="checkbox"/>		For each testing day, ensure that all units are locked after testing.	Section 4.1.2

BEFORE  
Testing

#### 4.1.2 Managing Test Sessions in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> (Day of Testing)

Before students can begin testing, Test Coordinators or Test Administrators will need to log in to PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>, prepare each test session, start each test session, check accommodated form assignments, and unlock the appropriate unit for students. After a session is started, Test Administrators can monitor the real-time status of students by refreshing their browsers. Table 4.0 describes the possible statuses for a student during each unit.

**Table 4.0 Student Statuses in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>**

Status	Description
Ready	The student has not yet started the unit.
Active	The student has logged in and started the unit.
Exited	The student has exited TestNav but has not submitted test responses. (Student cannot resume testing unless authorized by Test Administrator.)
Resumed	<p>The student has been authorized to resume the unit.</p> <p>Resume a unit when a student exits a unit (either intentionally or unintentionally), before finishing the unit and you want the student to continue the same unit.</p> <p>Only students in <b>Exited</b> status can be resumed. Students in <b>Ready</b>, <b>Completed</b>, or <b>Marked Complete</b> statuses cannot be resumed.</p>
Resumed-Upload	Resume Upload should only be used in rare circumstances when TestNav cannot locate the Student Response File (SRF) and an error code appears on the student testing device. Resume Upload will force the user to browse for an SRF on the testing device.
Completed	The unit has been submitted by the student through TestNav and has been processed.
Marked Complete	The Test Administrator or School Test Coordinator must mark a unit complete when a student has exited TestNav and will not return.

**Note:** If a student has been assigned a test without their proper accommodation, every unit must be marked complete and the entire test must be voided. Contact your district test coordinator for information about marking a test complete or voiding a test.

Refer to the *PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide* at <https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/PAsup> for instructions on logging into PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> and performing the tasks described in this section.

In addition, Test Coordinators or Test Administrators may unlock or lock units at the session level. Test Administrators may unlock or lock individual units for appropriate students. Only the unit being tested should be unlocked for a student (only one unit unlocked for each student at a time). Refer to the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Students in Session training module for more information.

**Note:** Ensure students do not have any programs or apps running prior to launching TestNav. These programs may interrupt testing or cause a testing irregularity or security breach.

### 4.1.3 Technology Tasks DURING Testing

#### Troubleshooting Computer-Based Testing

Technology Coordinators or their designee should be on hand to help address any technology issues. They should be mindful of test security procedures. Resources for troubleshooting the following common computer-based testing issues have been developed:

- If a student has the wrong form assignment for accommodated testing (refer to Section 4.1.4)
- If a student exits TestNav (either unintentionally or intentionally)

If a student exits TestNav (either unintentionally or intentionally) before completing a test:

- Verify that TestNav is shut down for the student.
- Resume the student's test in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
  - The student's test will resume from the point at which the test was interrupted.
  - The system will upload any test responses that the student entered after the interruption if resuming on the same testing device.

Technology Coordinators should respond as quickly as possible when technology disruptions occur. Cell phones are permitted in the testing environment to contact the IAR Customer Support Center when troubleshooting guidance is needed. However, Technology Coordinators must NOT take photos of error screens. Error codes for TestNav and guidance for resolving computer-based testing issues can be found in the *TestNav 8 User Guide* or at <https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/Error+Codes>.

#### 4.1.4 Monitor Test Activity and Maintain Test Security

The District Test Coordinator or the School Test Coordinator (depending on state policy) must be actively involved in test administration by monitoring testing and ensuring test security procedures are followed as described in this manual. School Test Coordinators must be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators and Proctors. District Test Coordinators must monitor reports of testing irregularities and security breaches and ensure that School Test Coordinators follow state procedures for reporting such events. Refer to **Appendix C** for state procedures.

School Test Coordinators must ensure that during each unit of the test, Test Administrators and Proctors walk around the room and check that students are working in the correct unit and section (if applicable). At no time are any school staff allowed to log in to TestNav using a student testing ticket; however, Test Administrators may help students log in if issues arise.

In addition, ensure that Test Administrators provide applicable students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features. If a computer-based accommodation is not appearing for a student, refer to *IAR Personal Needs Profile (PNP) Guidance—Managing Incorrect Accessibility Features and Accommodation PNP Data* (available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>).

#### 4.1.5 End-of-Unit Tasks

##### Collect Materials

Immediately after each unit in each grade is completed, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators.

- Student testing tickets
- Used and unused scratch paper (unused scratch paper may be reused)
- Accommodated test materials
- Printed mathematics reference sheets for grades 5-8 (if printed locally, refer to Section 3.9.1 for more information)

At the end of each day of testing, ensure all materials from the IAR assessment have been returned to the locked storage area. Verify units have been locked for absent students during sessions and that all units for all students are locked overnight. For more information, refer to the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Students in Session training module.

##### Ensure TestNav Logout and Lock Units/Sections

As students complete each unit, Test Administrators will use the instructions at the end of the administration script or in the *TestNav Login and Logout Instructions* (available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>) to help students log out of TestNav. Test Administrators may provide navigational guidance as students click through the log out steps and may reference a printed copy of the *TestNav Login and Logout Instructions* during testing.

Test Coordinators may check to ensure all students have logged out of TestNav by reviewing student statuses on the **Testing > Students in Sessions** page in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Students logged in to TestNav

will appear in an **Active** status. Those student testing devices should be checked to make sure TestNav has been exited after testing.

Only mark student tests complete in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> if the student started, but will NOT complete the unit.

After all students are logged out of TestNav, the School Test Coordinator must ensure that all units/sections in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> are locked. Refer to Section 3.2 for more information.

### **Administer Make-Up Testing**

If a student is NOT tested during the regular administration, he or she may be moved into a new make-up test session in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> (refer to the directions in the *PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide*). However, if the student will rejoin the regular administration for any remaining units, it is recommended that you leave that student in the original test session in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. For students taking a make-up test, unlock the appropriate unit in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> to allow the student to log in to the missed unit. The test session should not be stopped until all students in the test session have completed testing. Refer to the *Make-Up Testing Directions for Computer-Based Testing* document available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for additional information on make-up testing.

Multiple test sessions and/or units may be tested at once according to the directions in *Testing Multiple Grades Guidance* at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> as long as the testing times and administration scripts are the same.

**Note:** Make-up test sessions must reflect the original test session (e.g., a test session with a Human Reader will need a make-up test session with a Human Reader).

## 4.2 Paper-Based Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) during testing days. Section 4.2.1 contains the checklist for all activities related to paper-based testing while Sections 4.2.2–4.2.5 contain specific details for tasks during testing.

### 4.2.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators to Complete DURING Paper-Based Testing

Completing tasks during the timelines in this checklist is strongly recommended.

DTC	STC	TC	Task	Reference
Day of Testing				
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Distribute test materials to Test Administrators.	Section 3.10
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Monitor each testing room to ensure that test administration and security protocols are followed, and required administration information is being documented and collected. Be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators.	Section 4.2.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Investigate all testing irregularities and security breaches and follow state policy for reporting these incidents.	Section 2.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ensure that Test Administrators provide applicable students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features.	Section 4.2.2
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Schedule and supervise make-up testing.	Sections 3.6.2 and 4.2.4
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Follow the protocol for contaminated or damaged test materials, and refer to state policy for reporting these incidents.	Section 4.2.3
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Collect materials from Test Administrators and ensure all test booklets and answer documents have a student name and/or student ID label.	Section 4.2.4

### 4.2.2 Monitor Test Activity and Maintain Test Security

The District Test Coordinator, or the School Test Coordinator, must be actively involved in test administration by monitoring testing and ensuring test security procedures are followed as described in this manual. DTCs must also monitor reports of testing irregularities and security breaches and ensure that STCs follow state procedures for reporting such events. Refer to **Appendix C** for state procedures.

STCs must be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators and Proctors. STCs must ensure that during each unit of the test, TAs and Proctors walk around the room and check that students are working in the correct unit and section (if applicable).

In addition, ensure that TAs provide students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features. Remember, the Human Reader script must be used if a human reader is administering the mathematics assessment, and Human Reader scripts are secure test materials.

In PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>, there are operational reports STCs may run that provide a summary of student participation statuses. For a full list of these reports and their purposes, refer to the *IAR Operational Report Guidance* available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.



### 4.2.3 Procedures for Contaminated, Torn, or Damaged Materials

#### Contaminated Test Materials

If any test materials (e.g., test booklets, answer documents) become contaminated with bodily fluids (e.g., student becomes ill on a test booklet or answer document), the following procedures must be followed.

1. The Test Administrator must immediately:
  - a. Stop testing for the student or group, as needed.
  - b. Record the amount of time remaining.
  - c. If possible, record the item number and page number where the student stopped testing.
  - d. Follow your school procedure for medical emergencies.
2. Qualified school personnel must safely handle the soiled test booklet or answer document and place it in a resealable, plastic bag with the security barcode label visible from the exterior. Handling materials must be done in accordance with procedures outlined in OSHA regulations.
3. After the testing area is cleaned and the students have returned, the Test Administrator must remind students of the amount of time remaining for the test unit prior to the disruption. Testing may then resume.
  - a. If the ill student returns to resume testing and the completed responses can be transcribed into a replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8), the Test Administrator must provide the student with a new test booklet or answer document. The Test Administrator must ensure the student's name is recorded on the front of the replacement test booklet or answer document for proper identification.
  - b. If the ill student returns to resume testing and the completed responses cannot be transcribed into a replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8), the student must be given the opportunity to retake those units using a replacement test booklet and answer document during make-up testing. Contact the state for further guidance if necessary.
4. After testing is complete, the School Test Coordinator must:
  - a. Apply the student ID label to the replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8) prior to returning it.
  - b. Record the security barcode number of the contaminated test booklet or answer document on the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in **Appendix E**.
  - c. Record the security barcode number of the replacement test booklet or answer document on the Chain-of-Custody Form.
  - d. If applicable, transcribe the completed response from the contaminated test booklet or answer document into a replacement one.
    - i. Follow the guidelines for transcribing student responses in Section 5.2.2.
    - ii. Return the replacement test booklet to Pearson along with the rest of the scorable materials.
  - e. Securely destroy the contaminated test booklet or answer document according to district biohazard protocols. Do not return contaminated material to Pearson.
  - f. Compile a list of contaminated test booklets and answer documents and maintain it on file for the length of time specified in **Appendix C**.
5. The School Test Coordinator must notify the state or District Test Coordinator as soon as reasonably possible according to the state policy found in **Appendix C**.

### **Torn or Damaged Test Materials**

If any test materials are damaged (e.g., ripped pages, incorrectly applied labels), the following procedures must be followed.

1. The test booklet or answer document must be replaced. After testing but within the test window, the student's answers must be transcribed into a replacement test booklet or answer document.
  - a. Answers must be transcribed following the guidelines for transcribing student responses in Section 5.2.2.
  - b. The School Test Coordinator must immediately notify the District Test Coordinator or the state according to policy found in **Appendix C**.
2. The Test Administrator must ensure the student's name is recorded on the front of the replacement test booklet or answer document.
3. After testing is complete, the School Test Coordinator must:
  - a. Apply the student ID label to the replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8) or fill out the data grid completely.
  - b. Record the security barcode number of the replacement test booklet or answer document on the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in **Appendix E**.
  - c. Return the replacement test booklet or answer document to Pearson along with all other scorable materials.
  - d. Pack the damaged test booklet or answer document with the nonscorable materials and return it to Pearson (refer to Section 5.2.2 for more information about marking test materials as Do Not Score).
  - e. Compile a list of all damaged test booklets and answer documents and maintain it on file for the length of time specified in **Appendix C**.

### **4.2.4 End-of-Unit Tasks**

#### **Collect Materials**

Immediately after each unit in each grade is completed, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators.

- All used and unused test booklets (Ensure all test booklets have a student name written on them.)
- All used and unused answer documents for grades 4–8 (Ensure all answer documents have a student name written on them.)
- Used and unused scratch paper (Unused scratch paper may be reused.)
- Pearson-supplied mathematics reference sheets, rulers, and protractors
- Any accommodated responses provided in another format (If the response is being transcribed directly from a computer, then the computer must remain secure until the responses are transcribed. Then the responses must be totally removed from the computer).

Follow all chain-of-custody procedures. At the end of each day of testing, ensure all materials from the IAR assessment have been returned to the secure storage area. Take inventory of all secure materials to be sure that none are missing; if materials are missing, follow state steps in **Appendix C**.

#### **Administer Make-Up Testing**

Students who are NOT tested on the regular administration date due to a temporary illness or other excused absence should be tested during the make-up testing period. For guidelines, refer to Section 3.6.2.

## 4.3 Procedures for Testing Irregularities (Day of Testing)

### 4.3.1 Dismissing Students for Misconduct

The Test Administrator has the authority to dismiss any student for misconduct according to your local policy. If student misconduct warrants dismissal, collect the student's test materials. The student will then be dismissed from the testing environment. The student may be eligible to continue testing in another location (e.g., guidance counselor's office) according to local policy. The school or district must submit a Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach within two school days unless otherwise directed by your District Test Coordinator or IAR State Contact. For additional guidance on dismissing students for misconduct, refer to **Appendix C**.


If a student is observed with any of the items listed in Section 2.3 during testing or during breaks, the Test Administrator should collect the prohibited materials. The school or district should complete the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach in **Appendix D** and follow the state policy for submitting the form.



If a student is dismissed, the Test Administrator must exit the student's test in TestNav and ensure the student's unit is locked in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.

### 4.3.2 Item Irregularities During Testing

If during testing, a student alerts a Test Administrator to a possible unanswerable or misprinted test item, use the following steps:

- For computer-based testing : If the issue being experienced is with a particular item, the Test Administrator should instruct the student to bookmark the item and continue testing. At the end of testing, the Test Administrator should try to troubleshoot the issue with the remaining item by contacting their Technology Coordinator or by using troubleshooting guidance available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. If troubleshooting does not resolve the issue, the Test Administrator, Technology Coordinator, or School Test Coordinator should call the Support Center to report the issue.
- If a timely solution cannot be found, the Test Administrator should:
  - Instruct the student to proceed with the test.
  - Note the content area, grade level, form ID (CBT only), item number, test format (online or paper), and a brief description of the issue and provide that information to the School Test Coordinator to complete the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach. Actual wording from the question should never be included either verbally or in writing.
- Remember, school personnel may NOT read or review a test item [Exception: Accommodations that require review of items].

### 4.3.3 Procedures for Safety Threats and Severe Weather

In all instances of safety and severe weather threats, consult your local evacuation policy. In the event that there is a building evacuation, lockdown, or school closure that occurs **before** the start of a unit, follow the protocol outlined below:

- Proceed with testing only if the unit can be completed that day.
  - If the unit cannot be completed, schedule the unit during make-up testing.
- Document the situation, noting the event, date, and time, students affected, and any other specific details regarding the situation.
- Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy about reporting safety threats and severe weather.

In the event there is a building evacuation, lockdown, or school closure that occurs **during** the unit, follow the protocol outlined below:

- If possible, note the time of the disruption so that the remaining time for the unit can be calculated.
- If leaving the test environment, take necessary steps to ensure the security of the test materials, if time permits. For computer-based testing, lock the test units in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>, if time permits.
- Upon returning to the testing room, prepare students for the continuation of the unit:
  - Test Administrators must inform students how many minutes remain in the unit.
  - Test Administrators must write on the board the updated start time and stop time of the unit.
  - Students may need to be Resumed in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
- Using the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach, document the situation.
- Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy about reporting safety threats and severe weather.

## 5.0 AFTER Completion of ALL Testing

### 5.1 Computer-Based Testing

#### 5.1.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators AFTER Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) to perform after testing is complete. Some or all tasks in this section may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to your district or state. Since Section 5.1 only provides a checklist of tasks, refer to Sections 5.1.2–5.1.5 for more details.

DTC	STC	TC	Task	Reference
Day of Final Test Unit				
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Stop all test sessions. Student tests are not submitted for scoring until the session is in Stop status.	Section 5.1.3
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify the Technology Coordinator that all testing is complete and have him or her purge the cached test content.	<i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>

DTC	STC	TC	Within One Week of Final Test Unit	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Destroy scratch paper written on by students and IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets written on by students.	Section 5.1.2
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Destroy all printed student testing tickets.	Section 5.1.2
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Recycle <i>Test Administrator Manuals</i> , blank or unused scratch paper, and unused IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets.	Section 5.1.2
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Complete the Post-Test Certification Form.	Section 5.1.4
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Keep records according to state policy.	Section 5.1.5
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Resolve critical warnings in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> .	<i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purge cached test content, if applicable.	<i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>

#### 5.1.2 Collect and Organize Materials

##### Secure Materials

Immediately after the final unit is administered, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators.

Secure test materials that must be securely destroyed:

- Student testing tickets
- Student rosters containing TestNav usernames and passwords
- Any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information
- All scratch paper
- All printed mathematics sheets

Secure test materials that must be shipped back to Pearson:

- Accommodated paper test booklets, if applicable. Braille and large print test booklets must be transcribed (Section 5.2.2) and returned (section 4.2.4) in order to be scored.
- Human Reader scripts
- Tactile graphics

Again, ensure all materials from the IAR assessment have been collected. Take inventory of all secure materials to be sure that none are missing. All accommodated paper-based booklets, Human Reader

scripts, and tactile graphics are secure materials that must be shipped back to Pearson. Ship these secure materials back to Pearson within the first 5 days after the district testing window closes.

### Materials To Be Securely Destroyed

The District Test Coordinator must ensure that the following test materials are securely destroyed/shredded immediately after all testing is complete (either by the district or school):

- Scratch paper written on by students during testing
- Printed mathematics reference sheets written on by students during testing
- Printed student testing tickets
- Any other school-generated reports or documents, which contain personally identifiable student information (e.g., PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> generated reports or any school rosters)
- All accommodated responses (Do NOT destroy test booklets, answer documents, and Human Reader scripts.)

Shredding (or other method of securely destroying test materials) may be done at the school or by using an outside company. Once secured destruction of materials is complete, it must be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log (refer to Section 2.1). Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

### Nonsecure Materials To Be Recycled

The District Test Coordinator must ensure the following test materials are recycled immediately after all testing is complete (either by the district or school):

- *Test Administrator Manuals*
- Unused mathematics reference sheets

Once recycling is complete, it should be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log. Recycling and documentation may be done at the school. Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

**Note:** If no paper-based or accommodated materials were shipped to the school/district, there may not be anything that needs to be shipped to Pearson.

## 5.1.3 PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Cleanup Activities for Computer-Based Testing

### Stop Test Sessions

If all students have completed testing and submitted their responses, stop test sessions by clicking the **Stop** button on the **Students in Sessions** screen on PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Test sessions must be stopped in order to be submitted for scoring. Test sessions cannot be stopped until:

- Students in **Ready** status have been moved to a make-up test session in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> or have been removed from the test session
- All students are in **Completed** or **Marked Complete** status

Refer to the *Stopping Test Sessions Guide* posted at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for step-by-step directions, or the training modules at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

### Remove Students in Ready Status

Students tests that have NOT been started must be removed from the test session in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> before the test session can be stopped.

### Mark Tests Complete

School Test Coordinators or their designee must manually mark student tests complete for students who exited the test and did not resume testing or exited a test instead of clicking **Submit**. The reason the test is being **Marked Complete** must be entered in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Do NOT mark a student's test complete if it is in **Ready** status.

### Manage Student Tests

After test sessions have been stopped, Test Coordinators may need to update student test registrations on the **Setup > Students** page in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>, mark tests as **Void** (as needed), and resolve critical warnings (e.g., missing demographic information). Specific instructions for each task can be found at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

#### Not Tested and Voided Tests

Students with test registrations who did NOT participate in testing (e.g., absent for the entire testing window), but may need to be accounted for, should NOT be marked as **Not Tested** in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. All reasons for Not Testing should be marked in ISBE's Student Information System (SIS).

Voiding a test means the test will NOT be scored or used for reporting purposes. This task (Void) can occur at the unit (e.g., Unit 1) or test level (e.g., a complete ELA/L test of Unit 1, Unit 2). Only students with a test attempt should be marked as **Void**.

Refer to the *Not Tested and Void Score Guidance* document posted at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for step-by-step directions on how to complete voiding a test.

#### Resolve Critical Warnings

PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> will show critical warnings for students who have key demographic information missing. Refer to the *Resolve Student Warnings and Errors* section of the *PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide* for guidance on resolving critical warnings.

### 5.1.4 Complete the Post-Test Certification Form

The purpose of the form is for the Principal and STC to certify that the security and integrity of your school's test administration was maintained before, during, and after testing. Once materials have been securely destroyed or recycled, the Test Coordinator must complete and sign the Post-Test Certification Form. The Principal, if different from the Test Coordinator, must also sign the form. Refer to <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for a copy of the form.

### 5.1.5 Keep Records

The following records (physical or electronic) must be maintained by your school staff.

#### Required:

- Chain-of-custody documentation (refer to Section 2.1)
- Copies of all signed Security Agreements (refer to **Appendix B**)
- Copies of any Forms to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
- Copies of any Forms to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
- A copy of your signed Post-Test Certification Form



## 5.2 Paper-Based Testing

### 5.2.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators AFTER Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) to perform after testing is complete. Some or all tasks in this section may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to your district or state. Since Section 5.2.1 only provides a checklist of tasks, refer to Sections 5.2.2–5.2.7 for more details.

DTC	STC	TC	Task	Reference
<b>Day of Final Test Unit</b>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Collect materials and verify that all distributed test materials have been returned using the Chain-of-Custody Form.	Section 5.2.2
<b>Within One Week of Final Test Unit</b>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Organize and return scorable and nonscorable test materials.	Sections 5.2.2–5.2.4
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Destroy scratch paper written on by students and IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets written on by students.	Section 5.2.3
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Recycle <i>Test Administrator Manuals</i> and unused IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets.	Section 5.2.3
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Return secure materials and ensure that all return boxes have appropriate labels within five business days of the district testing end date.	Section 5.2.4
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Complete the Post-Test Certification Form.	Section 5.2.6
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Keep records according to ISBE policy.	Section 5.2.7
<b>At the End of Each Administration*</b>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Resolve rejected student test alerts in PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> according to ISBE policy.	<i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i>

\*For paper-based testing, this process will begin after all paper materials have been received and processed by Pearson.

### 5.2.2 Collect and Organize Materials

Immediately after the final unit is administered, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators. Take inventory of all secure test materials using the Chain-of-Custody Form and organize them in preparation for shipment. If any secure materials are contaminated or missing, follow the steps in **Appendix C**.

- All used and unused test booklets
- All used and unused answer documents
  - Test booklets and answer documents are considered used in any instance where a student has tested, including incomplete or partially complete test booklets and answer documents.
- Human Reader Scripts
- Any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information
- Used and unused scratch paper
- *Test Administrator Manual*
- IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets

**Note:** Schools may keep rulers and protractors after testing for instructional use. These materials must NOT have any writing on them. Rulers and protractors containing student notes should be securely destroyed.

### Report Contaminated and Damaged Test Materials

If a test booklet or answer document becomes contaminated or damaged, follow your school or district protocol for reporting this to the state assessment office and complete the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in **Appendix E**. Refer to Section 4.2.3 for how to handle contaminated or damaged test materials.

### Report Missing Test Materials

Schools must investigate any report of missing test materials. If, after a thorough investigation, the missing materials are not found, the School Test Coordinator must follow the steps in **Appendix C**. Complete the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials.

### Transcription of Student Test Responses

Certain situations require a student's responses to be transcribed into a **standard, scorable test booklet** (grade 3) or **answer document** (grades 4–8). These situations may include:

- Answers were recorded in another student's test booklet or answer document.
- A test booklet or answer document became damaged or contaminated (e.g., torn, wrinkled).
- A student took the test using a special test format (e.g., large print, braille).
- The student used a speech-to-text converter, augmentative communication device, or assistive technology device.
- As an accommodation, a student recorded answers on blank paper, instead of on the required test booklet or answer document.

If a student's responses must be transcribed after test administration is completed, the following steps must be followed:

1. At least two authorized staff members must be present during any transcription of student responses. One will serve as the transcriber, and the other will be an observer confirming the accuracy of the transcription. It is highly recommended that one of the individuals be an authorized District Test Coordinator or School Test Coordinator. Refer to **Appendix C** for additional information.
2. The student's responses must be transcribed verbatim into the test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8). Confirm the test booklet and answer document are for the same form (e.g., main or accommodated). Refer to **Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation** in the *AF&A Manual* for guidance and an example.
  - Mark the original test booklet or answer document "Do Not Score" according to the directions in the following section.
  - Exception: A scribe for a student who signs his or her responses in ASL will write the student's responses in English (e.g., student signs "HOUSE WHITE LIVE THERE ME." Scribe writes "I live in the white house.").
3. Braille transcription: **ONLY** an eligible Test Administrator who is a certified Teacher of Students with Visual Impairment, including Blindness or someone working under his or her direct supervision may transcribe the student's responses into the standard, scorable test booklet or answer document included in the braille kit. The transcriber must be able to fluently read the braille code the student wrote in Unified English Braille (UEB).
4. Any original student responses that were printed from an assistive technology device or recorded in another accommodation document such as blank paper must be securely destroyed.

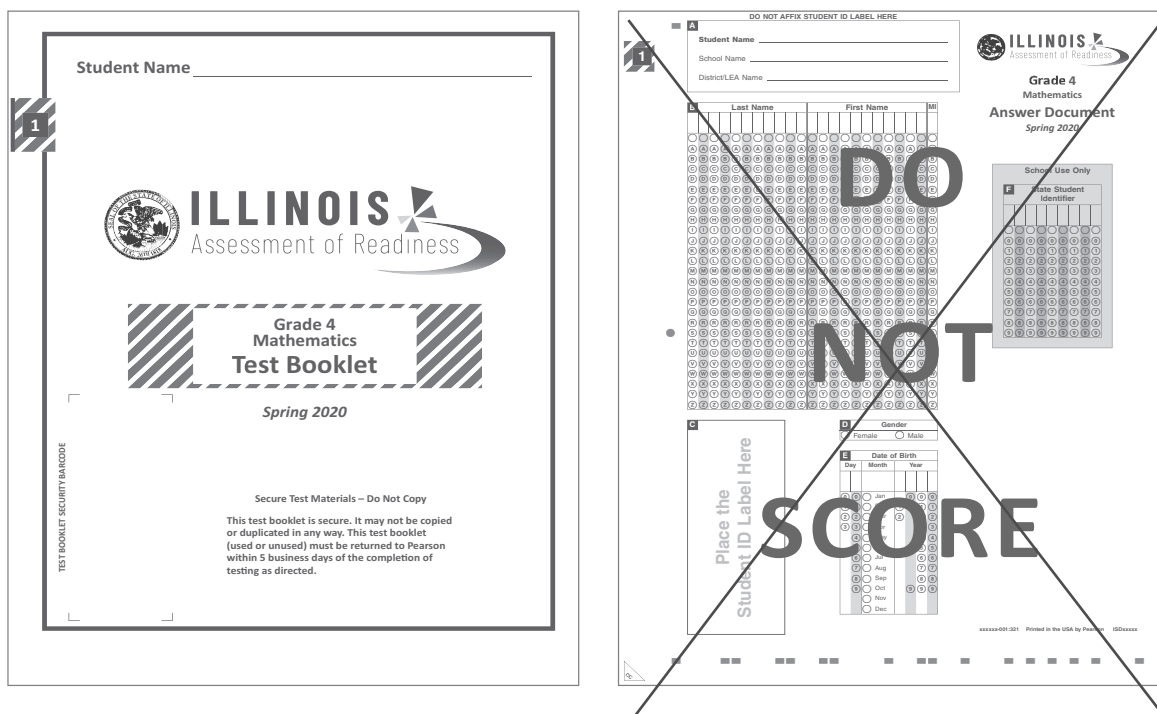
**Failure to transcribe a student's test responses in these situations will result in the student NOT receiving a score.**

### “Do Not Score” Test Materials

If there is a test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8) already assigned for a student in one of the categories below, write “DO NOT SCORE” in large letters or draw a large “X” across the front cover. Both methods are acceptable for indicating materials should not be scored.

- A student whose test booklet or answer document became damaged/unusable (Refer to Transcription of Student Test Responses above for instructions on transcribing the student’s responses to a new test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8).
- A student whose student ID label has already been applied to a test booklet or answer document but did not participate in any testing (e.g., absent with or without medical documentation)

Figure 5.0 Do Not Score Test Materials



### 5.2.3 Organize Materials

Apply student ID labels to the front covers of the test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8) in the lower left-hand corner.

- Locate the student ID labels that were shipped in the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.”
- ONLY the STC or designee may apply labels; parents/guardians and students are prohibited from doing so.
- Before applying a label on top of box C on the booklet cover, confirm that the name that has been handwritten in box A at the top of the front cover of the test booklet matches the name on the label.
- **If a document has a student ID label applied and is also bubbled with conflicting information, Pearson may need to contact the district and/or school to determine correct demographics.**
- If a student ID label includes incorrect information, apply the label to the student’s test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8) and update the student’s information in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.

- Set aside student ID labels that were not used (e.g., labels for students who transferred out of the school before testing began, labels with incorrect information) to be securely destroyed/shredded.

It is recommended that schools apply the student ID labels after testing. However, schools may apply them before testing.

**Figure 5.1 Sample Student ID Label**

DISTRICT CODE: 9999999999999999  
 DISTRICT NAME: DistrictNameXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 SCHOOL CODE: 9999999999999999  
 SCHOOL NAME: SchoolNameXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 GRADE: 99 SUBJECT: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 SEQ: 99999  
 LASTNAMEXXXX, FIRSTNAMEXXX MI PARCC 2018  
 BIRTHDATE: 99/99/9999 SPRING  
 ST-DIST-SCH: XX-9999999999999999-9999999999999999 GR: 99  
 DIST: DISTRICTNAMEXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX GENDER: F  
 SCH: SCHOOLNAMEXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX SID: 9999999999



### Hand Grid Demographic Pages

If there is no student ID label available for the student, **all information** on the student demographic data grid must be marked on the test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–8) using a wooden No. 2 pencil. If there is a label for a student, only box A will be completed.

**Table 5.0 Instructions for Hand Gridding Demographic Pages**  
(complete all fields if there is not a label)

Box	Description	Instructions
<b>A</b>	Student Name, School Name, District Name	Test Administrators will instruct students to write their names in this box during administration. Students will not be instructed to fill in the school or district name and are not required to do so.
<b>B</b>	Student Name	<p>Using the student's legal name, print the student's last name in the row of boxes under the section for "Last Name." Print only one letter in each box, beginning in the first box on the left (i.e., left justified). If there are not enough boxes for all of the letters in the student's last name, leave off the letters at the end.</p> <p>Print the student's first name in the row of boxes under the section for "First Name." Do not use a nickname. Print only one letter in each box, beginning in the first box on the left (i.e., left justified). If there are not enough boxes for all of the letters in the student's first name, leave off the letters at the end.</p> <p>Print the first letter of the student's middle name in the box under the section for "MI." Leave the box blank if the student does not have a middle name.</p> <p>Fill in the appropriate bubble in the column under each letter in the student's name. If there are any blank boxes at the end of their name, fill in the empty bubbles at the top of the column.</p>
<b>C</b>	Student ID labels	If a school does not have a pre-printed student ID label, this box should remain blank.
<b>D</b>	Gender	Fill in the bubble that corresponds to the student's gender.
<b>E</b>	Date of Birth	Fill in the bubbles for the Day, Month, and Year for the student's date of birth. For example, if the student was born March 2, 2001, fill in the bubbles for 0 and 2 in the Day column, for the month of March designated by "Mar" in the Month column, and the bubble for 2, 0, 0, and 1 in the Year column.
<b>F</b>	State Student Identifier	Enter the student's State Student ID Number in the boxes at the top of the columns. Fill in the appropriate bubble in the column under each number beginning in the first box on the left (i.e., left justified).

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### Materials To Be Securely Destroyed

The District Test Coordinator must ensure the following test materials are destroyed/shredded immediately after all testing is complete (either by the district or school):

- Scratch paper written on by students during testing
- Mathematics reference sheets written on by students during testing
- Any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information

Once shredding (or other method of securely destroying test materials) is complete, it must be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log. Secured destruction of materials and documentation may be done at the school. Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

### Nonsecure Materials To Be Recycled

The District Test Coordinator must ensure the following test materials are recycled immediately after all testing is complete (either by the district or school):

- *Test Administrator Manuals*
- Unused mathematics reference sheets

Once recycling is complete, it should be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log. Recycling and documentation may be done at the school. Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

### 5.2.4 Package Materials for Return Shipping

Before calling UPS, sort and package the materials according to the directions below so that you can return all materials with a single call. Refer to the Pearson Return Instruction Sheet and Shipping Carrier Return Instructions included in the Test Coordinator Kit shipped with your testing materials. Materials must be packed according to the school level, NOT the district level. Materials must be shipped no longer than 5 days after your district testing window closes. Materials returned late risk not receiving scores.

Review the Secure Materials Report posted under Published Reports in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> for details on the specific documents that are expected to be returned to Pearson.

- **Scorable materials**
  - Used test booklets (grade 3)
  - Used answer documents (grades 4–8)
  - Transcribed test booklets (grade 3)
  - Transcribed answer documents (grades 4–8)
- **Nonscorable materials**
  - Unused test booklets (including for absent students)
  - Unused answer documents (grades 4–8)
  - Used test booklets (grade 3) and answer documents (grades 4–8) that have been marked “Do Not Score”
  - Used test booklets (grades 4–8)
  - Human Reader scripts
  - Tactile graphics
  - Large print test booklets
  - Braille test booklets

### Required Ancillary Materials for Return

For all materials being returned, schools and districts will need the following:

- Scorable
  - Paper bands
  - Scorable Materials Return School Headers (do not photocopy)
  - Red scorable return labels
  - UPS return labels for scorable materials
- Nonscorable
  - Purple nonscorable return labels
  - UPS return labels for nonscorable materials

If you do not have a sufficient amount of these materials, place an additional order in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Refer to Section 3.10.4 for additional information on additional orders. **If you placed additional orders for test materials, these return materials were not shipped to you automatically.**

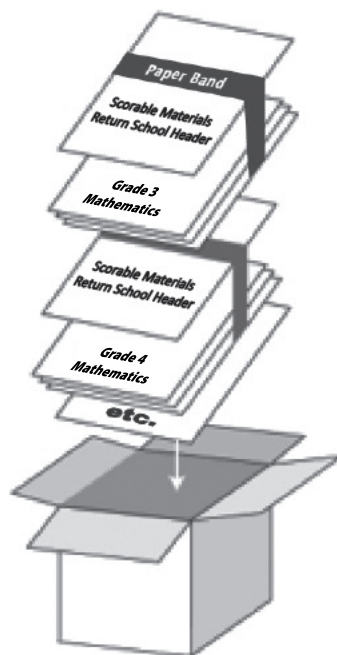
### Scorable Materials Return School Header and Paper Bands

- Complete a Scorable Materials Return School Header for each grade and subject.
- Place paper bands around each stack of scorable test booklets (grade 3, no more than 25 per band) or answer documents (grades 4–8, no more than 25 per band).
- You may have more than one stack of banded documents per subject and grade, if necessary, but only complete ONE Return School Header and slip it in the first bundle.





Figure 5.4 Packing Diagram for Scorable Test Materials



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**Note:** Box scorable and nonscorable materials separately, as these will be shipped to different addresses.

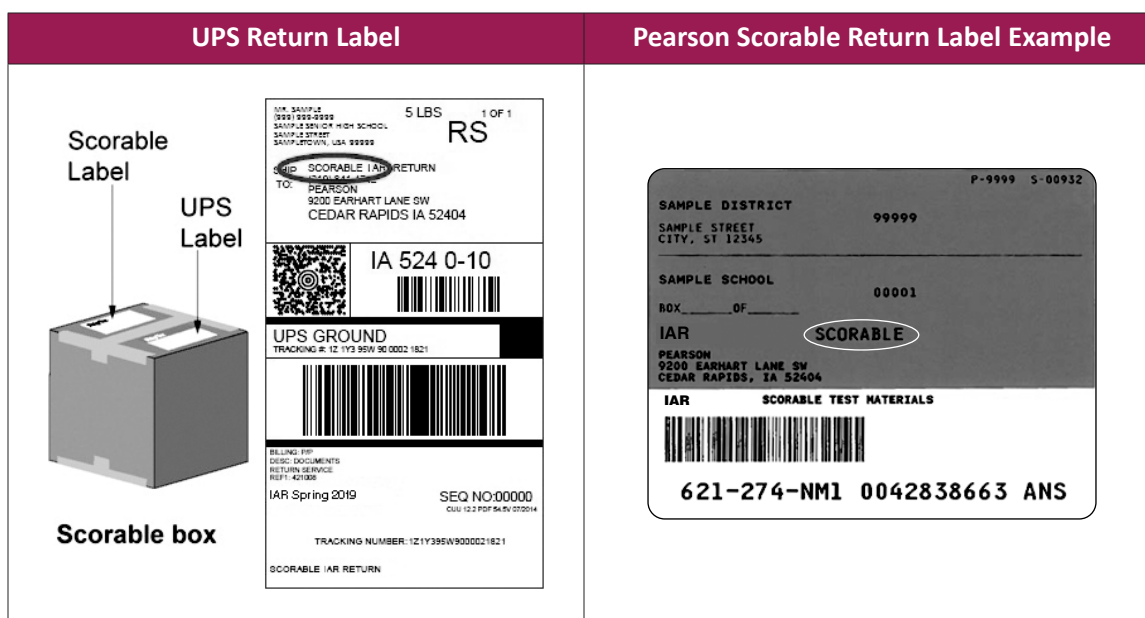
Do NOT overfill a box. If any box is not completely filled, add crumpled paper to avoid damage caused by shifting during shipment. Do NOT use packing peanuts. Seal the boxes securely with packing tape. Remove any previous labels and cover any previous markings before applying the shipping label.

Locate the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” This package contains Pearson scorable materials return shipping labels. Refer to Figure 5.5 for sample labels.

- Place one scorable materials return shipping label on top of each box.
- Count the total number of scorable boxes.
- On the line that reads “SCH: BOX \_ OF \_” fill in the sequence of scorable boxes being returned for the school (e.g., indicate box 1 of 3, box 2 of 3, and box 3 of 3). Be sure to number scorable materials in a separate sequence from non-scorable.
- Do NOT write anything else on the labels.
- Do NOT include your nonscorable box count with your scorable box count.

Find a UPS scorable return label in the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” Apply one UPS label with “SCORABLE” to the top of each box of scorable materials as shown on the left side of Figure 5.5. It is recommended that schools or districts maintain UPS tracking numbers.

Figure 5.5 Sample Pearson Scorable Materials Return Shipping Label



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### Return Nonscorable Materials

Use the boxes in which the test materials were delivered for return shipping. If these boxes were damaged in the original shipment, use sturdy replacement boxes or place an additional order on PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> website at <http://il.pearsonaccessnext.com>.

Place all nonscorable materials in the shipping boxes. Do NOT place more than one school's materials in a box. Ensure that **NO** extraneous materials are returned (e.g., scratch paper, rulers, manuals).

Seal the boxes securely with packing tape and remove any previous markings or labels from the boxes before applying the shipping label.

Locate the resealable package labeled "Test Coordinator Kit." This package contains Pearson nonscorable materials return shipping labels. Refer to Figure 5.6 for sample labels.

- Place one nonscorable materials return shipping label on top of each box.
- Count the total number of nonscorable boxes.
- On the line that reads "BOX \_ OF \_" fill in the sequence of nonscorable boxes being returned for the school (e.g., indicate box 1 of 3, box 2 of 3, and box 3 of 3). Be sure to number nonscorable materials in a separate sequence from scorable.
- Do NOT write anything else on the labels.
- Do NOT include your scorable box count with your nonscorable box count.

Find a UPS return label in the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” Apply one UPS label with “NONSCORABLE” to the top of each box of nonscorable materials as shown on the left side of Figure 5.6.

**Figure 5.6 Sample Pearson Nonscorable Materials Return Shipping Label**



### Generic Return Labels

Generic return labels are received when an additional order for return labels is submitted through PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>; they are not included in the Test Coordinator Kit with regular materials return shipping labels. Generic return labels include blank fields where pertinent state, district, and school information is recorded prior to return to Pearson.

Each administration includes scorable and nonscorable generic return labels; these labels follow the same color convention as regular materials return shipping labels:

- **Red Labels**—Scorable Materials Return Shipping Label and Scorable Generic Return Label
- **Purple Labels**—Nonscorable Materials Return Shipping Label and Nonscorable Generic Return Label

### Contact UPS to Schedule Pickup

Refer to the Shipping Carrier Return Instructions included in the Test Coordinator Kit for return shipping instructions. Refer to **Appendix C** for return shipping responsibilities.

Pick-ups must occur as soon as possible after testing is complete (see deadline for return in **Appendix C**). It is recommended that all materials are shipped for return within 5 days of the completion of testing in your district.

Pick-ups must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Call UPS at 800-823-7459 to schedule pickups. UPS customer service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tell the UPS representative you are calling in a pickup request for Pearson and will be using their “Return Service.” You must provide UPS with the following information:

- The physical location from where packages are to be picked up (i.e., where materials were delivered)
- The estimated number of packages to pick up
- A tracking number from any one of your UPS labels

Once the pickup is scheduled, the school or district will receive a confirmation number from UPS. The number can be referenced in the future if questions or changes arise. It is recommended that schools or districts maintain UPS tracking numbers.

### 5.2.5 PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Cleanup Activities for Paper-Based Testing

#### Not Tested and Voided Tests

Students with test registrations who did not participate in testing (e.g., absent for the entire testing window) but may need to be accounted for should NOT be marked as **Not Tested** in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. All reasons for Not Testing should be marked in ISBE's Student Information System (SIS).

Test booklets or answer documents that have been returned to Pearson for scanning and processing can be marked **Void** only AFTER being scanned by Pearson. Voiding a test means the test will NOT be scored or used for reporting purposes. Only students with a test attempt should be marked as Void. If a test attempt should be marked Void, follow state policy in **Appendix C**.

Refer to the *Not Tested and Void Score Guidance* document posted at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for step-by-step directions on how to complete voiding a test.

#### Rejected Student Tests

Rejected Student Test Alerts will be created for all scanned paper-based student tests that cannot be matched to a current student record in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. These alerts will appear on the **Testing > Rejected Student Tests** page in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> after the test booklets and answer documents have been scanned by Pearson. District Test Coordinators must complete the data clean-up process for these tests to be scored. Refer to the *Data Clean-up: Rejected Student Tests* document posted at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> for step-by-step directions.

### 5.2.6 Complete the Post-Test Certification Form

Once materials have been shipped and materials securely destroyed or recycled, the Test Coordinator must complete and sign the Post-Test Certification Form. The Principal, if different from the Test Coordinator, must also sign the form. This form certifies that all materials have been tracked using the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log and were accounted for upon packing and shipping. A copy of the Post-Test Certification Form can be found at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.

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### 5.2.7 Keep Records

The following records (physical or electronic) must be maintained by your school as noted by state policy in **Appendix C**:

**Required:**

- Chain-of-custody documentation (refer to Section 2.1)
- The security barcode for testing documents assigned to each student
- If not already included in chain-of-custody documentation, test group/classroom roster records noting who administered each test session (both Test Administrator and Proctors), names of students assigned to that group

**If applicable:**

- Copies of all signed Security Agreements (refer to **Appendix B**)
- Copies of any Forms to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
- Copies of any Forms to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
- A copy of your signed Post-Test Certification Form
- UPS tracking numbers

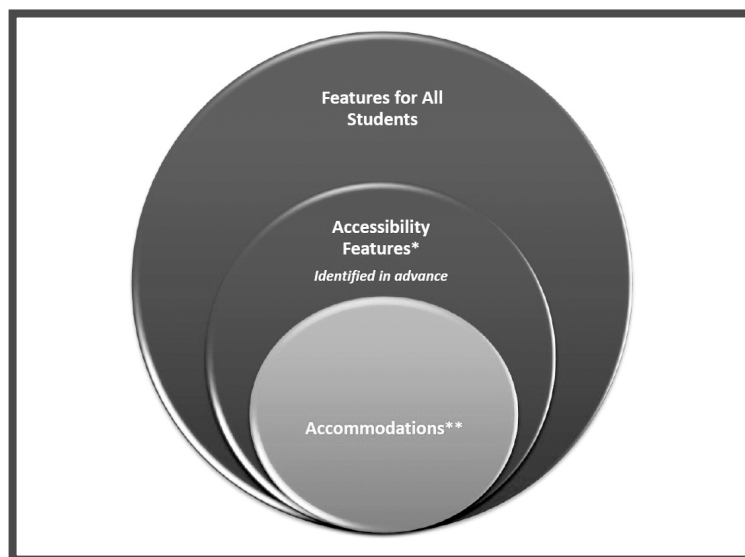
## 6.0 Accessibility Features and Accommodations

The *Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual, 8th Edition (AF&A Manual)* is available online at: <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>. Schools/Districts must refer to the *AF&A Manual* for full information about identifying and administering accessibility features and accommodations.

### 6.1 Accessibility Features and Accommodations

IAR's accessibility system includes three levels of support for students as shown.

Figure 6.0 The Accessibility System



\* Available to all participating students

\*\*For students with disabilities, English Learners, and English Learners with disabilities

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**Accessibility features** are tools or preferences that are either built into the assessment system or provided externally by Test Administrators. Accessibility features can be used by any student taking the IAR assessments. A small selection of **accessibility features** available to all students need to be **identified in advance**.

**Accommodations** are intended to reduce or even eliminate the effects of a student's disability and/or English language proficiency level and provide equitable access for students with disabilities or English Learners (ELs). Accommodations do NOT reduce learning expectations. All accommodations for students with disabilities or ELs must be approved and documented in advance in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504 plan, or, if required, an EL plan. Responsibility for confirming the need and appropriateness of an accommodation rests with the school-based team involved with each student's instructional program. A master list of all students and their accommodations must be maintained by the school and/or district.

All accessibility features and accommodations used on IAR assessments should be generally consistent with those used in daily instruction.

#### Administration Guidance in the *AF&A Manual*

In Sections 2, 3 and **Appendix A** of the *AF&A Manual*, guidance is provided for Test Coordinators and Test Administrators on before testing, during testing, and after testing activities necessary for successful administration of each accessibility feature and accommodation.

The examples below are excerpted from the *AF&A Manual*.

### Accessibility Feature Example from Section 2:

Accessibility Feature	Administration Guidelines
<p>1r</p> <p><b>Text-to-Speech for the Mathematics Assessments</b> (SR/PNP Reference CD)</p>	<p><b>Before Testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification for SR/PNP: The student’s SR/PNP must have text-to-speech selected to activate the feature on the platform. Once a student is placed into a test session, the student will be assigned a form with embedded text-to-speech. Proctor caching is strongly encouraged. If this content is not cached, it may present challenges for the student during testing. Volume level must be determined prior to testing; once the test session begins, the volume level cannot be changed. The student will not have access to volume control in the secure TestNav environment.</li> <li>• Test Administrator Training: Refer to the Text-to-Speech Tutorial on <a href="http://il.mypearsonsupport.com">http://il.mypearsonsupport.com</a> for full training on tool functionality.</li> <li>• Differences Between Text Only and Text Plus Graphics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Text Plus Graphics—Reads all printed text and the hidden alternate text descriptions for images.</li> <li>◦ Text Only—Reads printed text but does not read any alternate text descriptions for images.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>During Testing:</b> The student selects the “Text-to-Speech Player” icon on the toolbar on the right side of the screen. The test is read aloud to the student using embedded text-to-speech software. The student may pause and resume the audio. To choose a speed (slow, normal, fast), select the “Text-to-Speech Settings” icon. Once the test begins, the volume level cannot be changed. The student must be tested in a separate setting if unable to wear headphones.</p>

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### Accommodations Example from Section 3:

	Accommodation	Administration Guidelines
3f	<b>Large Print Edition<sup>12</sup></b> <i>(SR/PNP Reference BM)</i>	<p><b>Before Testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification for SR/PNP: Student's SR/PNP must have Large Print Edition selected.</li> <li>• Materials: Large Print Test Kit includes a large print assessment booklet, standard test booklet or answer document for transcription, Test Administrator large print scripts, and supplementary large print mathematics materials (large print ruler &amp; protractor), when appropriate.</li> <li>• Test Administrator Training: Test Administrators of students with visual impairments must review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Appendix M: Assessments for Students with Visual Impairment, Including Blindness.</li> <li>◦ Appendix A: Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Students Taking the Paper-Based IAR Assessments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>During Testing:</b> A large print paper-based form of each assessment is available for a student with a visual impairment who is unable to take a computer-based assessment. The font size for the large print edition will be 18 point on paper sized 14" x 18". Students will not record their answers in standard print test booklets or answer documents. Instead, students will circle their answers in a large print test booklet. For constructed response items, students will write their answers on the lines provided in their large print test booklets. In mathematics, students will need to write their answers in boxes at the top of the answer grids, but they do not need to bubble in their answers. Test Administrators should refer to the TAM Scripts for instances where they should demonstrate an activity or display information. Demonstrations should be conducted where they are visible for each student (e.g., on the board, near the student).</p> <p><b>After Testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses must be transcribed verbatim by a Test Administrator in a standard student test booklet or answer document, which is included in the Large Print Test Kit. Only transcribed responses will be scored. At least two persons must be present during transcription of student responses (one transcriber and one observer confirming accuracy). It is recommended that one of the individuals be a District or School Test Coordinator.</li> <li>• Refer to <b>Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses.</b></li> </ul>

<sup>12</sup>Distribution quantities for any paper based accommodations and accessibility feature are derived from the student registration process. Any materials required for paper-based accommodations and accessibility features for students registered after the deadline for paper registration must be ordered via Additional Orders.

## 6.2 Before Testing: Preparing for Accessible Test Administration

**Reference the AF&A Manual:** Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and **Appendix A** in the *AF&A Manual* outline the before testing activities necessary for Test Administrators to successfully provide students with each accessibility feature and accommodation.

### Identification of Accessibility Features and Accommodations in the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP)

The PNP portion of the SR/PNP should be based on observations and stated preferences by the student or parent/guardian related to a student's testing needs that have been found to increase access during instruction and assessment. Observations based on a student's interaction with the online testing platform can be made through the practice tests. A student's testing needs should be reviewed at least annually, and revised as appropriate, to reflect current education-related needs or preferences.

- For *students with disabilities*, the IEP team or 504 plan coordinator will collect student information to populate the PNP.
- For *English Learners*, the educators responsible for selecting accommodations (or an English Learner team, if available) will identify the accessibility features in the PNP for the student.
- For *English Learners with disabilities*, the IEP team or 504 plan coordinator (which includes an adult familiar with the language needs of the student) will make PNP decisions.
- For students *without* disabilities, and who are NOT English Learners, PNP decisions will be made based on the student's education-related needs and preferences by a team, which may include the:
  - Student (as appropriate)
  - Parent/guardian
  - Student's primary educator in the assessed content area(s)

The following accessibility features and accommodations are delivered via separate forms of the test and some cannot be combined:

#### Paper-Based Testing

- Unified English Braille (UEB)
- Large Print Test Kit
- Read Aloud Test Kit
- Spanish Test Kit (mathematics only)
- Spanish Large Print Test Kit (mathematics only)
- Spanish Read Aloud Test Kit (mathematics only)

#### Computer-Based Testing

- Assistive Technology - Screen Reader
- Assistive Technology - Non-Screen Reader
- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Closed Captioning (CC) - ELA/L only
- Text-to-Speech (TTS)
- Human Reader
- Spanish (mathematics only)
- Spanish TTS (mathematics only)
- Spanish Human Reader (mathematics only)

Once data on student accessibility features and accommodations are collected at the local level, follow the directions for completing and importing the SR/PNP to PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> as described in the *Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile Field Definitions* document. Once the SR/PNP has been uploaded Test Coordinators and Test Administrators can run the PNP report to review students' assigned accessibility features and accommodations. It is extremely important to ensure that the accommodations are correct prior to starting a test for a student. If a Test Administrator discovers that a student has an incorrect accessibility feature or accommodation during testing, the Test Administrator and/or School Test coordinator will need to correct the form assignment. Refer to step-by-step directions in the *IAR Personal Needs Profile (PNP) Guidance—Managing Incorrect Accessibility Features and Accommodation PNP Data* document available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com> and follow protocols to contact ISBE for further guidance.

## Training for Test Administrator Delivered Accessibility Features and Accommodations

Students who use embedded accessibility features and accommodations will test independently. There are some accessibility features and accommodations that the Test Administrator provides external to the testing platform for computer-based testing. For these features and accommodations, the *AF&A Manual* indicates where the Test Administrator must review any training documents before testing.

Accommodation	IAR AF&A Manual References
<b>Human Reader</b>	<p><b>Appendix B:</b> Test Administration Protocol for the Human Reader Accommodation for English Language Arts/Literacy Assessments, and the Human Reader Accessibility Feature for Mathematics Assessments</p> <p><b>Appendix I:</b> Audio Guidelines for ELA/Literacy, used to ensure consistency in how items are read</p> <p><b>Appendix J:</b> Audio Guidelines for Mathematics, used to ensure consistency in how items are read</p> <p><b>Human reader scripts:</b> Secure materials (shipped with test materials) used to ensure mathematics assessments are read consistently</p>
<b>Human Scribe</b>	<b>Appendix C:</b> Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation, used to ensure consistency of scribing and transcription
<b>Human Signer</b>	<b>Appendix L:</b> Human Signer Guidelines
<b>Extended Time</b>	<b>Appendix E:</b> Guidance for Selecting and Administering the Extended Time Accommodation
<b>Large Print and Braille</b>	<b>Appendix M:</b> Assessments and Students with Visual Impairment including Blindness
<b>Assistive Technology (Screen Reader and Non-Screen Reader)</b>	<b>Assistive Technology Guidance</b> available at <a href="http://il.mypearsonsupport.com">http://il.mypearsonsupport.com</a>

### Accommodated Materials

See a list of accommodated materials below:

#### What is included in a Spanish Mathematics Test Kit?

- Spanish test booklet
- Spanish answer document (except for grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Ruler (grades 3–8, mathematics only)
- Protractor (grades 4–7, mathematics only)
- Spanish mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–8, mathematics only)
- English test booklet

#### What is included in a Large Print Test Kit?

- Large Print Test Administrator script
- Large Print test booklet
- Answer document (except for grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Large Print mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–8, mathematics only)

- Ruler (grades 3–8, mathematics only)
- Protractor (grades 4–7, mathematics only)

#### What is included in a Human Reader Test Kit?

- Human reader script (mathematics only)
- 2 standard test booklets
- Answer document (except for grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Ruler (grades 3–8, mathematics only)
- Protractor (grades 4–7, mathematics only)
- Mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–8, mathematics only)

**Note:** If you order a Large Print Spanish Math or Spanish Human Reader Test Kit, you will receive Spanish versions of each item in the kit.

#### What is included in a Braille Test Kit?

- Braille Test Administrator script
- Braille notes/special instructions
- Braille test booklet
- Standard test booklet for use with Braille only
- Standard answer document for use with Braille only (except grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Braille mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–8, mathematics only)
- Braille ruler (mathematics only)
- Braille protractor (mathematics only)
- Additional Braille paper
- Duplicate pages (when appropriate)

#### What is included in a Tactile Graphic Kit (to support students using Assistive Technology Screen Reader)?

Grade 3 Mathematics Tactile Graphic kit includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3 mathematics Tactile Graphic booklet</li> <li>• Braille notes/special instructions (1 copy)</li> <li>• Grade 3 Braille ruler (in a zip top baggie)</li> <li>• Braille paper (6 blank sheets)</li> <li>• Duplicate pages (when appropriate)</li> </ul>
Grade 4 Mathematics Tactile Graphic kit includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Braille protractor</li> <li>• Grade 4 mathematics Tactile Graphics booklet</li> <li>• Braille notes/special instructions (1 copy)</li> <li>• Braille ruler (in a zip top baggie)</li> <li>• Braille paper (6 blank sheets)</li> <li>• Duplicate pages (when appropriate)</li> </ul>
Grades 5–8 Mathematics Tactile Graphic kit includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Braille protractor (no protractor for Grade 8)</li> <li>• Braille mathematics reference sheet</li> <li>• Mathematics Tactile Graphics booklet</li> <li>• Braille notes/special instructions (1 copy)</li> <li>• Braille ruler (in a zip top baggie)</li> <li>• Braille paper (6 blank sheets)</li> <li>• Duplicate pages (when appropriate)</li> </ul>

#### Unique Accommodations Guidance

Students may require additional accommodations that are not available in the *AF&A Manual*. ISBE will review requests for unique accommodations on an individual basis. Approval will be given ONLY

if the requested accommodation will result in a valid score for the student (i.e., does NOT change the construct being measured by the test and does NOT violate test security requirements).

Refer to state policy in **Appendix C** for guidance on how to submit a request for unique accommodations.

### Preparing the Test Environment for Accessibility Features and Accommodations

Based on the needs identified in their SR/PNP, some students may require externally provided accessibility features and/or accommodations during testing. The Test Administrator must review each student's PNP to ensure the classroom is prepared with any materials the students need. Examples include: noise buffers, word prediction external device, and a hard copy braille edition.

Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the *AF&A Manual* indicate when Test Administrators must check to make sure materials are available for the student during testing. For paper-based testing, refer to **Appendix A** of the *AF&A Manual*.

## 6.3 During Testing: Test Administration of Accessibility Features and Accommodations

Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and **Appendix A** in the *AF&A Manual* outline post-administration directions for each accessibility feature and accommodation. The following accessibility features and accommodations require actions by the Test Administrator during testing.

Test Administrators may provide the following accessibility features to a student during testing:

- General Administration Directions Read Aloud, Repeated, or Clarified as needed
- Redirect Student to the Test
- Human Reader for the Mathematics Assessment (*identified in advance in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>*)
- Human Signer for the Mathematics Assessment (*identified in advance in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>*)

Test Administrators may need to provide the following accommodations to a student with an IEP/504 plan during testing:

- Human Reader for ELA/Literacy\*
- Human Signer for ELA/Literacy\*
- Human Signer for Test Directions
- Human Scribe for Dictated Responses\*
- Human Scribe for Signed Responses\*
- Extended Time
- Monitor Test Response

\*Refer to state policy.

Test Administrators may need to provide the following accommodations to an English Learner during testing:

- Extended Time
- Human Scribe for Mathematics
- General Administration Directions Read Aloud, Repeated, or Clarified as needed in Student's Native Language
- Human Reader for the Mathematics Assessments in Spanish or other languages as needed

### Special Accommodations Circumstances During Testing

For special circumstances regarding the administration of accommodations, refer to the appendices of the *AF&A Manual*:

- **Appendix G:** Emergency Accommodation Form
- **Appendix H:** Student Accommodation Refusal Form

### Emergency Accommodation

Prior to or during testing, if the School Test Coordinator determines that a student requires an emergency accommodation, the Emergency Accommodation Form must be completed. An emergency accommodation may be appropriate for a student who incurs a temporary disabling condition that interferes with test performance shortly before or within the IAR assessment window (e.g., a student breaks his or her arm and needs a scribe). An emergency accommodation should be given **ONLY** if the accommodation will result in a valid score for the student (i.e., does NOT change the construct being measured by the test and does NOT violate test security requirements).

This form must be completed and maintained in the student's assessment file. The parent/guardian must be notified that an emergency accommodation was provided. For additional information on where to submit your Emergency Accommodation Request Forms, refer to **Appendix C**.

### Refusal of Accommodations

If a student refuses the accommodation(s) listed in his or her IEP, 504 plan, or, if required, EL plan, the school must document in writing that the student refused the accommodation(s). However, the accommodation(s) must be offered and remain available to the student during the test administration. The Student Accommodation Refusal Form must be completed and placed in the student's file. Also, on the day of the student's refusal of an accommodation, a copy of the completed form must be sent home to the parent/guardian. The School Test Coordinator should work with Test Administrators to determine who else should be informed of the student's refusal of the accommodation(s). In addition, the team involved in the student's IEP, 504 plan, or, if required, EL plan, may want to consider discussing this issue at the student's next meeting.

## 6.4 After Testing: Completing Accessible Test Administration as a Test Coordinator

**Reference the *AF&A Manual*:** Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and **Appendix A** in the *AF&A Manual* outline the after testing activities for each accessibility feature and accommodation.

The Test Coordinator and Test Administrators will have no after testing activities for embedded accessibility features and accommodations, except in cases where student responses must be scribed/transcribed or in cases where the student produces secure testing material.

Test Coordinators (or their designee) are responsible for after testing activities for the following accommodations for students with IEPs or 504 plans:

- Assistive Technology
- Hard Copy Braille Edition
- Large Print Edition
- Braille Note-taker

- Braille Writer
- Speech-to-Text Device
- Human Scribe/Signer

Test Coordinators (or their designee) are responsible for after testing activities for the following accommodations for students who are English Learners:

- Speech-to-Text Device
- Human Scribe
- Large Print Edition of the Mathematics Assessment in Spanish





# **Appendix A**

## **Glossary of Terminology**

## Glossary of Terminology

Term	Definition
<b>Accommodations</b>	An accommodation is an assessment practice or procedure that changes the presentation, response, setting, and/or timing and scheduling of assessments. Accommodations are intended to remove barriers that may exist due to a student's disability or level of English proficiency. Accommodations must be listed in the student's approved IEP, 504 plan, or EL plan. More information on IAR accommodations is available at <a href="http://il.mypearsonsupport.com">http://il.mypearsonsupport.com</a> .
<b>Accessibility Feature</b>	Accessibility features are tools or preferences that are either built into the assessment system or provided externally by Test Administrators. Accessibility features can be used by any student taking the IAR assessments. A small selection of accessibility features available to all students need to be identified in advance.
<b>Administration Time</b>	Administration time is the total time schools should schedule for each unit, including the unit testing time and the approximate times shown in Table 2.0 for reading directions, answering questions, distributing materials, closing units, and collecting test materials.
<b>District Test Coordinator</b>	District Test Coordinator is the individual at the district level responsible for the overall coordination of test administration.
<b>IEP, 504 Plan, or EL Plan</b>	IEP refers to Individualized Education Program plan. It is a program developed to ensure that a student who has a disability and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives specialized instruction and related services.  The 504 plan refers to a plan developed to ensure that a student who has a disability and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment.  An English Learner (EL) plan refers to a plan developed to ensure that a student who is learning English has equal rights and access to a high-quality education.
<b>Mathematics Tools for Administration</b>	Mathematics tools for administration include rulers and protractors, mathematics reference sheets, and geometry tools. Mathematics tools for accommodations may include large print ruler, braille ruler, tactile compass, or braille protractor. See the <i>AF&amp;A Manual</i> for more information on mathematics tools for accommodations.
<b>Non-secure</b>	Test materials that have been made available to the public, including manuals and user guides. The availability of non-secure materials does not compromise test security or score validity.
<b>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup></b>	The website used for the registration, setup, preparation, and management of both the paper-based and computer-based formats of the IAR assessments. PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> requires username and password setup. More information about setup and operation for the IAR assessments is available in the <i>PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide</i> .
<b>Precache</b>	Precache is the action of downloading and storing test content to the local ProctorCache computer.
<b>ProctorCache</b>	ProctorCache software pulls and stores test content from Pearson to a local ProctorCache computer. This stored or "cached" test content is then distributed to TestNav clients during testing sessions.

Term	Definition
<b>Section</b>	A portion of a mathematics unit – non-calculator section and calculator section.
<b>Secure</b>	A test item, reading passage, or test that has not been made available to the public. It also includes test items and student responses. For the paper-based administration, secure materials refer to test booklets and answer documents. For both the paper-based and computer-based administrations, secure materials also refer to mathematics reference sheets written on by students and scratch paper written on by students.
<b>Session</b>	In PearsonAccess <sup>next</sup> , a session is the group of students registered to test a content area together (same time and location).
<b>SR/PNP</b>	The Student Registration File and Personal Needs Profile have been combined into one file layout: Student Registration/Personal Need Profile (SR/PNP). This is the data file for registering students for testing, including a student's testing condition, materials, or accessibility features and accommodations that are needed to take an IAR assessment.
<b>Testing Environment</b>	All aspects of the test surroundings during testing, this includes what a student can see, hear, or access.
<b>TestNav</b>	The application used to administer the computer-based assessment is available at <a href="http://il.testnav.com">http://il.testnav.com</a> .
<b>Unit</b>	Each content area of the IAR assessments is comprised of units. Each unit has a set administration time within a session and is typically administered all at once. The tables in Section 2.4 of this manual provide unit details. In mathematics, certain units may be comprised of more than one section.
<b>Unit Testing Time</b>	Unit testing time is the amount of time any student who needs it must be provided to complete the unit. As such, it is the amount of testing time schools must schedule for each unit. A new unit cannot be started until all students in the unit are finished or until unit testing time has expired.



# **Appendix B**

## **Security Agreement**

## 2019–2020 Illinois Assessment of Readiness Security Agreement

The content of the IAR assessment is confidential and must be kept secure at all times. Maintaining the security of test materials is critical in order to obtain valid results from the test. Accordingly, each individual authorized to administer the IAR assessment or have access to test materials, including Technology Coordinators, or those authorized to observe administration, must sign this security agreement and agree to the statements below. Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement may result in sanctions by ISBE including (but not limited to) score invalidation or employment and licensure consequences.

### For School Test Coordinators

- I will establish and carry out an IAR security plan.
- I will provide training in IAR's test security, administration policies, and procedures to all individuals involved in test administration.
- I will establish a system for documenting the chain-of-custody of secure test materials, and I will keep all test materials locked in a secure storage area with limited access when they are **not** in use.
- I will follow all security policies and test administration protocols described in the *Test Coordinator Manual (TCM)*.

### For School Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, Proctors, and Authorized Observers

- I will not view test content or student responses except if necessary to administer certain accommodations.
- I will not reproduce test content or student responses in any way (e.g., photographing, copying by hand, typing, texting from cell phone, or photocopying).
- I will not reveal or discuss test content or student responses before, during, or after testing.
- I will not engage in any activity that adversely affects the validity, security, or fairness of the test.
- I will promptly report any testing irregularities or concerns (as specified in the *TCM* and *Test Administrator Manual [TAM]*).
- I will follow the procedures as specified in the *TCM* and *TAM* regarding the disposition of all test materials.

### For Test Administrators and Proctors

- I will complete training necessary to understand IAR's test security and administration policies and procedures.
- I will keep test materials under my supervision at all times, and I will not leave them unattended.
- I will prepare the testing room so that no student can view another student's test materials or computer screen, and so that inappropriate visual aids are removed or covered before testing.
- I will supervise the students at all times and focus my full attention on the testing environment, and
  - Not allow students to talk, pass notes, cause disturbances, or communicate with each other in any way during testing.
  - Not allow students to access cell phones or other unapproved electronic devices during testing.
  - Not allow students to access notes, books, or any instructional materials during testing.
  - Ensure that students provide answers that are strictly their own and do not participate in any form of cheating.
  - Not coach students in any way or do anything to enhance, alter, or interfere with their responses.
- I will follow the chain-of-custody procedures for all test materials, including scratch paper, as specified in the *TAM* and by my School Test Coordinator.
- Some testing accommodations require a Test Administrator to view, read, or transcribe test content or student responses. If I am administering such an accommodation, I will not disclose any test content that I view in the course of providing the accommodation.
- I will follow all security policies and test administration protocols described in the *TAM*.



I have read the IAR Security Agreement and understand my role in this test administration.

<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>First Name (print)</p>	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Last Name (print)</p>
<p>Role</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Test Coordinator   <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Coordinator   <input type="checkbox"/> Test Administrator   <input type="checkbox"/> Proctor   <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Signature</p>	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Date</p>

**Submit this form (signed) to your School Test Coordinator, and keep a copy for your records.**  
The signed agreement must be maintained by the school at least three years.



# Appendix C

## State Policy Addendum

IAR State Contact  
For questions about IAR and state policies, contact ISBE's assessment office.

Telephone	Email	Fax
866-317-6034	<a href="mailto:jpalmer@isbe.net">jpalmer@isbe.net</a>	217-782-6097

Section	Issue	Illinois State Policy
<b>Spring Key Dates</b>	<b>Testing Window</b>	March 11, 2020 (earliest) - April 24, 2020 (latest)
<b>1.2 3.3.1</b>	<b>Qualifications and Responsibilities for School Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Proctors</b>	<p>In general, educators holding an active Professional Educator License with stipulations endorsed as a provisional educator may administer IAR. Below are three specific circumstances that deviate slightly from the general rule. For a detailed explanation of school staff who may administer the IAR assessments, please see the document posted at the ISBE web site.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paraprofessionals who hold an Educator License with Stipulations endorsed as a Paraprofessional Educator who are under the constant line-of-sight supervision of a licensed educator may administer IAR. A licensed educator hired as paraprofessional also has to be under constant line-of-sight supervision.</li> <li>2. Substitute teachers who hold a Substitute Teaching License and hired as a substitute teacher may administer IAR.</li> <li>3. Parents are not allowed to be present in the classroom with their children during testing. There are two exceptions to this rule: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The parent's presence is required as part of the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan.</li> <li>b. The parent is employed by the district and his or her duties require him or her to be present in the child's classroom.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>2.1.3 3.3.2 4.2.4</b>	<b>Steps for Submitting Security Forms</b>	Individual security forms will be held at the school or district for 3 years.
<b>2.2.1</b>	<b>Observation Policies</b>	Local newspapers, school newspapers, and yearbook staff often like to have a picture of students taking the IAR assessments. Photographs cannot be taken during the administration of the IAR assessments. You may however "stage" students at computer terminals prior to the actual administration. Or you may photograph students at computer terminals prior to students taking the assessments. Do not allow photographs to be taken during the actual administration of the IAR assessments.

Section	Issue	Illinois State Policy
2.2.2 4.1.5 4.2.3 4.3.2 4.3.3	<b>Requirements for Reporting a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach</b>	School staff has 5 business days to submit a test irregularity form to the Student Assessment Division at the Illinois State Board of Education. Please provide details of the incident and what steps school staff took to correct incident. School staff do not need to report minor technology issues that staff are able to resolve and continue with student testing (e.g., student not initially assigned the correct test accommodations in the online test format). If you have questions, please contact the student assessment division at 1-866-317-6034.
2.3	<b>Materials Allowed ONLY AFTER a Student's Test Has Been Submitted and After All Secure Materials Have Been Collected</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational books (subject matter of recreational books must be unrelated to content being assessed)</li> <li>• Textbooks for subjects other than the one being tested</li> <li>• Pamphlets, magazines, or periodicals (subject matter must be unrelated to content being assessed)</li> <li>• Notebooks or papers of any kind (subject matter must be unrelated to content being assessed)</li> <li>• Pens or colored pencils</li> </ul>
2.4	<b>Instructions for Students AFTER a Student's Test Has Been Submitted and After All Secure Materials Have Been Collected</b>	<p>Local decision (school or district) from options below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After student has checked his or her work, the student must sit quietly until the session has ended.</li> <li>• After the student has checked his or her work, the Test Administrator dismisses the student.</li> <li>• After student has checked his or her work, the student must sit quietly and use allowable materials.</li> </ul>
3.2.1	<b>Requirements for Completing Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile Import</b>	The Illinois State Board of Education will prepare and upload the Student Registration File on behalf of schools and districts. District staff must load student PNP information in PAN.
3.9.1 3.10.1	<b>Additional Requirements for Paper-Based Test Materials</b>	<p>The district test coordinator has the authority to determine day of testing administrative protocols.</p> <p>Secure materials may be unpacked one calendar week prior to testing. It is the responsibility of the district to maintain any secure materials in a secured environment throughout the testing window.</p>
3.10.2 5.2.4	<b>Shipping Procedures for Paper-Based Materials</b>	Test materials are shipped to the district and then distributed to schools (except for Chicago Public Schools). Each school test coordinator must return test materials to the DTC. The District Test Coordinator must contact UPS directly to schedule "Return Service" pickup. For Chicago Public Schools, test materials are shipped directly to the School Test Coordinator. The School Test Coordinator must contact UPS directly to schedule "Return Service" pickup.
3.10.2	<b>Approving Additional Orders</b>	ISBE staff approves additional orders.

Section	Issue	Illinois State Policy
4.3.1	<b>Procedures for Dismissing Students for Misconduct</b>	<p>Test administrators, school test coordinators, and school administrators may use their discretion when removing students from a test section for behavior that is disruptive to the testing environment for other students.</p> <p>The district test coordinator should be contacted (and in conjunction with the school staff) and decide how to proceed with testing. The student may be given a chance to complete the unfinished testing time, or it may be decided to end testing for that student.</p> <p>Under no circumstances can a test administrator make a unilateral decision to invalidate a test.</p>
5.1.5 5.2.7	<b>Requirements for Archiving Security Forms</b>	Please complete the Post-Test Certification Form and retain with local records.
5.2.5	<b>Void/Not Tested Instructions</b>	Reasons for No Valid Test Attempt must be entered in SIS. Do not enter that information in Pearson Access <sup>next</sup> .
6.3	<b>Steps for Unique and Emergency Accommodations</b>	<p>Unique Accommodations: District staff should complete the form in Appendix F in the IAR Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual. Send the form to the state following the required timeline.</p> <p>Please send the completed form to: Illinois State Board of Education, Student Assessment Division, Unique Accommodations Request, 100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL 62777-0001, or fax to: 217-782-6097.</p> <p>Emergency Accommodations: District staff should complete the form in Appendix G in the IAR Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual. Retain the form in the student's file.</p>
	<b>Mathematics Assessment for Dual-Language Learners</b>	For schools that provide mathematics instruction in Spanish (classrooms composed of native speakers and English Learners), school staff can choose to administer the IAR mathematics assessment in Spanish to the entire class. If you would like more information, please contact the Student Assessment Division.
	<b>Re-opening a Submitted Online Test</b>	District and School Test Coordinators have the user permission to undo a test submission. It will not be necessary to contact ISBE or the Pearson Call Center to re-open a submitted test.
	<b>Eligible Students</b>	<p><b>Home-Schooled Students and Private/Parochial School Students</b></p> <p>Students who are full-time home-schooled or full-time at a private school are not eligible to take any state assessments. Some students may be partially home-schooled or attend some courses at a private school; in these cases, the student(s) take the IAR only for the subject(s) that they are receiving instruction in the public school (reading, mathematics, and science).</p>

Section	Issue	Illinois State Policy
	<b>Use of External Device (for students with accommodations)</b>	<p>In a few cases, it may be necessary for school staff to use an external device to administer the IAR assessment to students with special needs.</p> <p>The external device should not be able to connect to the Internet. In some cases it may be necessary to use an external device that has Internet capability. In these situations, have staff monitor the administration of the assessment closely - making sure the student never uses the device in an inappropriate manner.</p>





# **Appendix D**

## **Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach**



## 2019–2020 Illinois Assessment for Readiness Assessment Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach

### Instructions for the School Test Coordinator or District Test Coordinator:

1. Call to report a testing irregularity or security breach **IMMEDIATELY** upon discovering it. Refer to **Appendix C** for state policy on whether to call your District Test Coordinator or ISBE Contact.
2. Complete this form, if instructed to do so by your District Test Coordinator or State Contact.
3. Submit this form **within two school days**, or according to state policy in **Appendix C**.
4. Maintain a copy of the submitted form for your school files. Refer to **Appendix C** for the length of time you are required to maintain school files.

**Note:** If the incident affects more than a single student, attach a sheet with a list of all student names and SSID numbers. Separate forms do NOT need to be completed for each student.

District Name:	
District Organization Code:	
Contact Name:	Role: <input type="checkbox"/> DTC <input type="checkbox"/> STC
Contact Phone and Extension:	

Test Administration Information:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring	
Date of Incident: _____	
Mode: <input type="checkbox"/> Computer <input type="checkbox"/> Paper	
Content Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> ELA/L	
Unit: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	
Student Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8	
Test Administrator's Name:	
Student Name:	Date of Birth: _____
State Student ID Number:	Local Student ID:
Detailed Description of Incident:	
Investigation Steps Taken:	
Actions Taken by Staff to Resolve:	
Was the incident resolved in a manner that allowed the student to continue testing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If incident was related to a particular item, please provide item number (note that only students can read test content):	

# **Appendix E**

## **Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials**



## 2019–2020 Illinois Assessment for Readiness Assessment Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials

### Instructions:

1. Follow the instructions in the *Test Coordinator Manual* if test materials become contaminated (Section 4.2.3), damaged (Section 4.2.3), or missing (Section 3.10.2).
2. Then report the incident using this form to describe the circumstances. For special instructions on reporting instances of damaged or missing materials, Test Coordinators should refer to **Appendix C** and follow state procedures.
3. Submit the form to Pearson and according to state policy in **Appendix C** to either your District Test Coordinator or to the appropriate ISBE contact (and keep the DTC informed).

State \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Spring

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone and Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Contact  
Person's Role \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Organization Code \_\_\_\_\_

District Name \_\_\_\_\_

District  
Organization  
Code \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and submit the completed form to Pearson via one of the following methods:

Fax 319-341-5261

Mail Pearson Illinois (IAR) Program Team

Mail Stop 160

2510 North Dodge St., Iowa City, IA 52245

Email [ILassessment@pearson.com](mailto:ILassessment@pearson.com)

Document Type/Subject/Grade		Quantity	Security Barcode or Range of Barcode Numbers	Description of Circumstances
<b>Example</b> Grade 8 ELA Test Booklet		1	123456789-0	Student had a nosebleed on the booklet and it has now been destroyed according to district protocol.

# **Appendix F**

## **Guidance on Testing Multiple Grades Concurrently in the Same Testing Environment**

The purpose of this appendix is to provide additional guidance for schools that wish to schedule multiple testing grades of students in the same testing environment<sup>1</sup> at the same time.

Schools may schedule different grades of students in the same environment at the same time, provided that the unit testing time, content area, and administration script are the same. For example, for the English Language Arts/Literacy Unit 1, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 may be combined into the same testing environment because all grades have the same unit testing time and use the same administration script. Grade 3 paper-based testing (PBT) must be separate from grades 4 and 5 because the administration directions differ due to different testing materials (i.e., grade 3 has test booklets, but grades 4 and 5 have test booklets and answer documents). However, grade 3 computer-based testing (CBT) can be in the same environment as grades 4 and 5, since the directions and materials are the same. Guidance on which grades can be combined into the same testing environment is provided on pages 2 through 3.

A **separate** testing environment is needed for:

- Paper-based and computer-based (Administration scripts are different.)
- English language arts/literacy and mathematics (Testing times and administration scripts are different.)
- Spanish form for mathematics.
- Student directions read aloud in a language other than English (As a reminder, there are translated administration scripts for different languages, available at <http://il.mypearsonsupport.com>.)

**Note:** Schools cannot combine students with the Human Reader accommodation across grades. For example, Grade 4 students with a Human Reader can be tested together, but Grade 4 and Grade 5 students with a Human Reader accommodation cannot be tested concurrently in the same testing environment.

#### English Language Arts/Literacy—Computer-Based Testing

ELA/L Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
Unit 3 (for schools administering the Field Test)	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90

<sup>1</sup> Testing environment is defined as a room or location where secure IAR testing occurs (e.g., a classroom, library, media center, computer lab).

#### English Language Arts/Literacy—Paper-Based Testing

ELA/L Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90



ELA/L Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
Unit 3 (for schools administering the Field Test)	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90

### Mathematics—Computer-Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6	60
	Grade 7 ( <i>non-calculator/calculator unit</i> )	60
	Grade 8	60
Unit 2	Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60
Unit 3	Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60

### Mathematics – Paper-Based Testing

Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3 (Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions.)	60
	Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6	60
	Grade 7 ( <i>non-calculator/calculator unit</i> )	60
	Grade 8	60
Unit 2	Grade 3 (Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions.)	60
	Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60
Unit 3	Grade 3 (Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions.)	60
	Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	60



# Appendix G

## Proctor Cache Decision Tree



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Proctor caching will be fully supported for the administration of the 2020 IAR, however with the increased bandwidth available in many schools, proctor caching may not be necessary. District and school staff need to make thoughtful decisions about abandoning proctor caching. These decisions should be made based on the bandwidth and technology at each school. No matter your decision on proctor caching, every school must setup secondary save locations to protect your student responses.

Many factors need to be considered before school staff decide not to proctor cache the assessments. These factors include, the peak bandwidth usage during the school day, the number of students who use "larger forms" of the tests (Math TTS, CC, Spanish Math TTS), and how content filters in the school function. We recommend that school staff run an infrastructure trial before making the decision to not proctor cache the assessments.

### Does your school's network provide at least 1000 kilobits per second (1.0 Mbps), per student?

**IF YES** – Your school is **unlikely** to need to proctor cache test content.

- Staff will need to perform an infrastructure trial for the schools with the least bandwidth to verify that tests can be successfully delivered without the use of proctor caching.
- ISBE recommends that all schools going without proctor caching conduct infrastructure trials early to verify that that student tests can be downloaded and delivered without issue

**IF NO** - see below

### Does your school's network provide between 500 kilobits per second, per student and 1000 kilobits per second (1.0 Mbps), per student?

**IF YES** – Your school can **possibly** choose to deliver the assessments without the aid of proctor cache.

- School staff should conduct infrastructure trials at the school and simulate the maximum number of **concurrent** test takers with the needed accommodations who will test during the window.

**IF NO** - see below

### Does your school's network provide between 100 kilobits per second, per student and 500 kilobits per second, per student?

**IF YES** – Your school is a **marginal** candidate for delivering the assessments without the aid of proctor cache.

- School staff should conduct infrastructure trial that simulates 120% of the maximum number of concurrent test takers who will test during the window.

### Infrastructure Trial Checklist

- ✓ Plan for 20 to 30 minutes of student/participant time.
- ✓ Set a date and notify ISBE so ISBE and Pearson can track your success.
- ✓ Simulate the maximum load that you expect during the testing window.
  - i.e., If you test by grade level, set up to test the same number of students in your largest grade level.
- ✓ Set up a session or sessions that have enough students and the same mix (percentage) of “large forms” (TTS, CC).
- ✓ Uninstall proctor caching software, bypass it or turn off the devices(s) running proctor caching.
- ✓ Install the latest version of TestNav on student devices
- ✓ If possible, schedule the trial when bandwidth use is highest.
- ✓ Ask Test Administrators to have students log in and begin working through the practice test simultaneously. Have participants continue answering items and moving from item to item for at least 15 minutes to provide a sustained load on the system.

### Benefits of Proctor Caching

- Ensures that students experience no delays with item loading and navigation
- Allows students who lose connection during the test to complete a session without access to the internet
- Eliminates any possible disruption from internal high bandwidth usage (You Tube, streaming, etc.)
- Ensures that the largest test forms (TTS, CC, Spanish TTS) can be delivered with no delays







## Computer-Based Testing: Are You Ready?

- ☐ Manage test sessions and review each student's status in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>.
- ☐ Check for an accommodation indicator next to the State Student ID (SSID) to confirm accommodations (e.g., TTS).
- ☐ Test Administrator log in.
- ☐ Confirm that the Test Coordinator has prepared the test sessions.
- ☐ Start test sessions and unlock the applicable unit (lock the unit for absent students).
- ☐ Resume students (as needed).
- ☐ Ensure students have submitted completed test units.

## Confirming Accessibility Features and Accommodations

**Before starting every session**, confirm students have the correct forms. Look for the form indicator near their names in the session. Here is what you should see:

Indicator	Accommodation
ASL	American Sign Language
SR	Assistive Technology—Screen Reader
Non-SR	Assistive Technology—Non-Screen Reader
CC	Closed Captioning
TTS	Text-to-Speech
STTS	Spanish Text-to-Speech
S	Spanish

**Note:** Students utilizing a Human Reader must be placed in a Human Reader session.

***If you do not see an accessibility feature or accommodation for a student who should have one, do not let the student log in. Contact your STC.***

## Paper-Based Testing: Are You Ready?

- ☐ Receive test materials from School Test Coordinator and track receipt using the Chain-of-Custody.
- ☐ Distribute test materials to students and administer the assessment according to the directions in this manual and using the appropriate administration script.
- ☐ Monitor testing time.
- ☐ Supervise test administration and provide breaks (if applicable).
- ☐ Return all testing materials to the School Test Coordinator.
- ☐ Complete any documentation necessary for reporting any testing irregularity or security breach.

## Paper-Based Testing: After You're Done

### Transcribe accommodated responses

(Braille, Large Print, and other Response Accommodations)

### Return Materials to the School Test Coordinator

- ☐ Test Administrator Manual
- ☐ Pearson-supplied mathematics reference sheets
- ☐ Mathematics tools, if applicable (e.g., calculator, rulers, protractors)
- ☐ Used and unused scratch paper

### Secure materials which must be returned to Pearson (scorable or nonscorable)

- ☐ Test booklets (all grades)
- ☐ Answer documents (Grades 4-8)
- ☐ Human Reader scripts
- ☐ Braille Test Booklets
- ☐ Large Print Test Booklets
- ☐ Tactile Graphics



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