

Subject: IIKA Updates April

To: All Private School Administrators

CC: All Scholarship-Granting Organizations

Dear School Administrator,

We are midway through the testing season, and I want to thank all the schools that have completed their Illinois Invest in Kids Act (IIKA) assessments. Please click [here](#) to see the list of schools and their status toward completion of testing in both the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA).

## **HIGH SCHOOLS**

### **SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10**

The SAT w/ Essay test date is April 12, and the window for PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 testing also opens that day. All PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 testing must be completed by April 28. Please make sure that you have all the materials you need to administer the test. If there is a discrepancy in your order, please contact College Board Support for assistance.

1. Check your shipment to see that you have the appropriate number of SAT exams. You will have some overage so that you can add any late IIKA student recipients. These are the purple booklets for regular testers. You also will be receiving a shipment of blue test booklets for any of your students who are active in College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities. College Board ships out both orders regardless. If you do not have accommodated test takers, please either refuse the boxes or just ship them back when you return the completed tests. College Board does apologize for this, but it needs to do this according to the state contract. If there is an error with your order, please contact College Board Illinois Support at 844-688-9555.
2. Check your shipment to make sure you received the number of PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 exams that you ordered. If there is an error, please contact College Board National Customer Service at 888-477-7728. Testing can take place anytime between April 12-28; it does not have to be on the specified date you selected, should you need to change your date.
3. Please make sure to **complete** the mandatory Test Coordinator and Proctor training. You should have received an email from College Board regarding the completion of this training. Please make sure this is done prior to test administration. Please follow this [link](#) to the training login site.
4. Make sure that new students who are added to the SAT w/ Essay exam list use the student ID number that comes after the highest PRE ID'd student you have; leave out

the IKA part when penciling it in. For example, if the highest PRE ID student's number is 1408750009, the next number would be 1408750010.

5. Makeup Survey – All schools testing on the April 12 SAT date will be sent an email from College Board asking about any makeup tests that need to be ordered for the April 25 makeup date. Please respond to this survey by either stating that you do not have any exams to make up or stating how many makeup exams that you need. **Do not ignore this email.**

[IKA Test Day Schedule for SAT w/ Essay](#)

[SAT w/ Essay Dates](#)

[PSAT 8/9 and 10 Dates](#)

### **List of Established High Schools**

Please click [here](#) to see if your high school is set to administer the SAT with Essay, PSAT 8/9, and/or PSAT 10. The list includes all schools that have filled out the two Establishment Surveys distributed earlier in the year. If your school has missing and/or incorrect information, please contact Robert Potempa at [rpotempa@isbe.net](mailto:rpotempa@isbe.net) to correct the situation as soon as possible.

### **GRADE SCHOOLS**

#### **WestEd School Visits**

The Illinois Invest in Kids Act requires ISBE to contract with an independent research organization to evaluate and report on the academic performance of students receiving scholarships. WestEd, in partnership with Maberry Consulting and Evaluation Services, was selected to conduct this study.

Schools that have shown academic growth in scores for IKA students will be compared to similar schools across Illinois. An integral part of this study is site visits to schools that have been invited to participate. Eight to 10 schools within Illinois will likely be recipients of site visits.

The final report will not include any names of schools that have chosen to participate. If your school is selected, you will receive more detailed information pertaining to the visit. Please consider having the research team visit your school one day during the last two weeks of April and/or early May.

Please visit the [WestEd](#) site for more information about the study.

#### **PearsonAccessNext IAR Training for IKA Schools**

Many schools have completed the required IAR tests. The window for online testing is open until April 21 in the event you still have not tested your IKA students.

The rostering of students and the assigning of tests has been completed for all IKA schools. The following steps that need to take place are:

- Setting up test sessions.
- Preparing the test sessions.
- Starting the test sessions.
- Moving the tests along as students complete each section.
- Stopping the testing once all students have completed all parts of the test.

Useful [tutorials and training modules](#) can help you navigate the Pearson PAN platform. If you need access to your school's Pearson PAN account, please contact [rpotempa@isbe.net](mailto:rpotempa@isbe.net) to either enable your current account or create a new account.

## **ALL SCHOOLS**

### **Weekly Assessment Webinars**

If you would like weekly updates regarding IKA assessments, please join the assessment team's weekly online seminar at [Weekly Assessment Updates](#). Click on the Presentations and Webinar tab to register!

### **IKA State Assessments**

Please note the dates of the important assessments that all IKA scholarship recipients must take for the 2022-23 school year.

We have also released the assessment dates for the 2023-24 school year.

See [IKA 2022-23 Assessment Dates](#).

See [IKA 2023-24 Assessment Dates](#).

### **\*NEW This Year\* Illinois Science Assessment for Grades 5, 8, and 11**

The Illinois Science Assessment is a web-based annual summative test given by ISBE to students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 across the state of Illinois. Many schools have completed their assessments. If your school has not completed this assessment, please make some time available in the coming weeks to finish.

The test has three parts, each of which takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. Once a section has been started, it needs to be completed on the same day. There is a two-hour maximum for each section.

The testing window for the ISA is currently open. Please make sure to complete all ISA testing by April 28.

A few tutorials and an administrator manual are listed below to help you familiarize yourself with the ISA test. If you need help in adding more administrators to the site or have roster questions, please contact [rpotempa@isbe.net](mailto:rpotempa@isbe.net).

As for questions regarding the administration or technology aspect, please refer to the support links below.

[Training Webinar](#)

[Training Webinar Slideshow](#)

[Test Administrator Manual](#)

[Teacher Tutorial](#)

[Systems User Guide](#)

Please email [rpotempa@isbe.net](mailto:rpotempa@isbe.net) if you need SEB Codes.

- Visit the [ISBE Illinois Science Assessment webpage](#) to find more information about the ISA.
- Support telephone number: 855-340-3911
- Support email: [isbe-isa-support@psionline.com](mailto:isbe-isa-support@psionline.com)

Consider using [ISBE Live Chat Technical Support](#) in lieu of email for quicker responses.

### **Assessment Security Monitoring Survey for All IKA Schools**

Any school with IKA scholarship recipients in Grades 3-11 must complete the Assessment Security Monitoring Survey. Input the name of your school or your RCDTS code in the “District Name” space. Please complete the rest of the form and submit it. This survey is due June 30.

[Take Survey](#)