

Subject: IKA Updates February

To: All Private School Administrators

CC: All Scholarship-Granting Organizations

Dear School Administrator,

This month is focused on the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). This is a new requirement for IKA scholarship recipients this year. Only IKA scholarship recipients in Grades 5, 8 and 11 have to take this assessment. Scroll down for more details.

All rosters should have been submitted to the Pearson PAN system for IAR testing. If your school has not done so, please upload your rosters as soon as possible.

## **HIGH SCHOOLS**

### **SAT and PSAT Training Recordings**

Thank you to all those that attended our In-Person SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 training sessions on Jan. 18 and 19. It was a pleasure meeting everyone and connecting names to faces! If you were not able to attend the in-person training, please visit the IKA webpage for links to a recorded training session under News and Updates. Click [here](#).

### **All Student Accommodations Deadline**

The deadline to have accommodations requests for the April SAT, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10 approved by College Board is Feb. 21.

### **PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 Ordering Deadline**

The ordering deadline to receive your PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 is Feb. 24. Orders after this date will not be accepted. Please visit the [College Board TOS](#) to place your orders. A reminder email was sent to all schools that had not ordered as of Tuesday, Jan. 31. **ISBE does not place PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 orders for IKA schools.**

### **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**

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

Thank you to all that attended the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) training for IIKA schools during the week of Jan. 9. Please note that a recording of one of the training sessions is available for viewing on the Pearson IIKA support page. Please click [here](#) to access the Pearson/IIKA support page if you need any support in uploading rosters, filling out demographic information, or general support.

### **PearsonAccessNext IAR Roster Upload**

All IIKA scholarship recipients in Grades 3-8 should have been uploaded into the PearsonAccessNext (PAN) system on Jan. 27. All Chicago Archdiocesan schools had their rosters uploaded by the Office of Catholic Schools. Please go into the PAN system to update student demographics. All other schools across the state should make sure all of your IIKA students are uploaded into the Pearson PAN system. Please contact Mr. Potempa at [rpotempa@isbe.net](mailto:rpotempa@isbe.net) if you need support or access to the Pearson PAN system.

### **List of Established Grade Schools**

Please click [here](#) to see if your grade school is set to administer the IAR and the ISA. The list includes all schools that have filled out the Establishment Survey distributed earlier in the year. If your school has missing and/or incorrect information, please contact Mr. Potempa at [rpotempa@isbe.net](mailto:rpotempa@isbe.net) to correct the situation as soon as possible.

## **ALL SCHOOLS**

### **IIKA State Assessments**

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

See [IIKA 2022-23 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. Beginning in spring 2023, the ISA will be given to IIKA scholarship recipients in Grades 5, 8, and 11.

Rostering of the Grade 5 and 8 students will be done by ISBE from the Pearson roster upload. Rostering of Grade 11 students will come from the SAT w/Essay List and be completed by ISBE.

The average time length of the ISA is approximately two hours. There are three sections of the assessment that are approximately 40-45 minutes each. It is advised that the test begin and end on the same day.

All principals will be given access to the system. The principal will then add and control who has access to administer the ISA. Important information regarding the ISA will be given during the

training seminar. Please make time to view the training session. A recording of the training will be available within a week of the live training.

The following are key dates for the ISA:

- ISA information and online training seminar will be held on Feb. 15:
  - 10 a.m. on Feb. 15 – [Register Here](#)
  - 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 – [Register Here](#)
- Test Dates: Wednesday, March 1 – Friday, April 28

Information from prior testing years can be found on the ISBE [Illinois Science Assessment webpage](#).

### **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, 2023.

[Take Survey](#)

## **ASSESSMENT LITERACY**

**Feb 16, 2023**

### **Event: Teaching with Equity: Differentiating Instruction Using the Quantile Framework**

#### **Description:**

This presentation offers insight into how the Quantile Framework for Mathematics can be used to help differentiate instruction for students. Educators can materials, content, instruction, student projects and products, and assessment to meet the learning needs of individual students. Teachers in a differentiated classroom recognize that all students are different and require varied teaching methods to be successful in school.

**Target Audience:** Administrators, classroom educators, instructional coaches

**To register, click one of the links below and you will be sent an email with the webinar link:**

- [Session 1 \(10-11:30 a.m.\)](#)
- [Session 2 \(4-5:30 p.m.\)](#)

**This is an interactive training course so please be prepared to participate.**