

Subject: IIKA Updates for January

To: All Private School Administrators

CC: All Scholarship-Granting Organizations

Dear School Administrator,

There are a lot of training opportunities this month to prepare for spring testing and I strongly encourage you and/or members of your school team to register and attend these important training sessions, which are being offered by Pearson for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and College Board for the SAT w/ Essay, PSAT 8/9, and PSAT 10. Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) training is coming up in February. All registration information is listed below.

## **HIGH SCHOOLS**

### **SAT and PSAT Live In-Person Training**

The College Board will be conducting two in-person training courses for the SAT with Essay and PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 relating to Illinois Invest in Kids Act (IIKA) students. These training courses are scheduled to take place from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines and from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on January 19 at the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) office in Springfield. There will be light snacks and refreshments. Please click [here](#) for registration information. Please consider coming to the live, in-person sessions as we can answer any questions you may have.

### **SAT w/ Essay Student Accommodations Deadline**

If you have students that have a service plan or 504 taking the SAT w/Essay, please upload those accommodations to College Board.

### **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 IIKA Schools**

Please join Pearson and ISBE for a live IAR online training seminar at 4 p.m. on Jan. 9 or at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10. There are also training seminars available for your technology coordinators. Please click [here](#) to find the available sessions and to register. Be sure to choose the IIKA seminar.

## **PearsonAccessNext IAR Roster Upload**

All IKA students in grades 3-8 must be uploaded into the PearsonAccessNext (PAN) system. All schools and/or diocese will need to upload their student information into the system by January 27, 2023. Information will be given during the training seminars the week of January 9. Otherwise, please visit the [Pearson webpage](#) for more information under the 'Resources' tab.

## **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**

### **IKA State Assessments**

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

### **IKA 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 IKA 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 following are key dates for the ISA:

- ISA Assessment information and online training seminar 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](#). This site will be updated with 2023 test information in January. Detailed information will be provided during the February online seminar and on the ISBE ISA 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

**Jan 19, 2023**

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

#### **Description:**

This presentation offers insight into how the Lexile Framework for Reading can be used to help differentiate instruction for students. Educators will learn how to modify 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 online seminar 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.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**Did you miss one of our Assessment Literacy offerings?**

Our Assessment Literacy offerings are recorded! Please visit the Assessment Literacy [webpage](#) and click on the Assessment Literacy Webinar Recordings tab for any of the sessions you may have missed!

Please visit the [Illinois Invest in Kids](#) webpage for more information. It is updated regularly.