

Subject: IIKA Updates October 2023

To: All Private School Administrators

CC: All Scholarship-Granting Organizations

Dear School Administrator,

Please review some critical information about the assessment requirements in the Illinois Invest in Kids Act (IIKA) program. Note important information about the establishment process for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), College Board, and the state testing window.

**Please note that all testing costs are paid for by the qualified nonpublic schools, per the [IIKA](#).*

ALL SCHOOLS

College Board Grade 11 Establishment Survey

Thank you for completing the College Board Grade 11 Establishment Survey. The next step is the student rostering phase. Each school that has established that it has a Grade 11 IIKA scholar will be sent a secure Excel file from ISBE Principal Consultant Rob Potempa to fill out with student information. The roster request will be sent out in mid-October.

Establishment Survey 2023-24 School Year for Grades 3-10

The Establishment Survey is now open and is in the [IWAS system](#). It is prepopulated with information submitted in last year's survey and from ISBE's Entity Profile System. You will be asked to verify and/or make the appropriate corrections to names, email addresses, etc. Once you submit it, you do have the opportunity to go back and make changes as long as the survey is up and running. The survey will remain open until Nov. 30, 2023.

All nonpublic schools that currently have or anticipate having IIKA scholarship recipients in Grades 3-10 must fill out the Establishment Survey to establish the school as a testing site for the IAR, Illinois Science Assessment, and PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10.

The Establishment Survey also asks for an estimate of how many IIKA students in Grades 9 and 10 will be taking either the PSAT 8/9 and/or PSAT 10. If your school is planning to test all Grade 9 and/or Grade 10 students, please include those numbers in the boxes, as requested.

Please view this [five-minute tutorial](#) on how to gain access to the [IWAS system](#) and take the survey. If you need help while in the IWAS system, please click the "Help" button on the main page. An [IWAS User's Guide](#) also is on the IWAS main page for reference, should you have any issues.

Should you need further assistance or if your school is not listed in the survey, please reach out to Mr. Potempa at rpotempa@isbe.net.

Assessment Webinars

The Assessment team offers [Assessment Updates](#) with information about IKA assessments. Click on the Presentations and Webinar tab to register! The webinar dates are Oct. 6 and 20.

IKA State Assessments

Please note the dates of the important assessments that all IKA scholarship recipients must take for the 2023-24 school year. There are no new assessments to take this year.

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

HIGH SCHOOLS

SAT w/ Essay, PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10

Please note the digital testing overview, general timelines, and comparison sheet for PSAT and SAT have been posted to the IKA website. Please make a copy of the timelines for future reference.

[2024 Digital Testing Overview](#)

[2024 General Timeline for SAT w/ Essay](#)

[2024 General Timeline for PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10](#)

[2024 Spring Testing Comparison Sheet for PSAT and SAT](#)

All College Board-required testing for IKA scholarship recipients is to be given within a six-week testing window this school year. The testing window will be March 18-April 26, 2024. All testing must be completed within the testing window. **No testing or make up tests will be available beyond April 26. All IKA scholarship recipients in Grades 9, 10, and 11 are required to test during the spring 2024 testing window.**

The College Board ordering system is open for schools to place their PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 orders. **ISBE does not order or roster students for PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 testing. Please note that all IKA students must test during the state testing window of March 18-April 26.**

IMPORTANT CHANGE – Schools that choose to test all Grade 11 students along with the IKA scholarship recipients during the spring testing window **must** administer the SAT w/Essay. It is not possible to administer SAT w/o Essay and SAT w/Essay during the state testing window.

Upcoming Trainings -- Visit the IKA website to register

Oct. 25 – Live Webinar REGISTER NOW!

Digital Implementation Overview for Administrators

Intended audience: District- and school-level leaders

Click on the time you wish to sign up for:

[Wednesday, October 25, 10:00am-10:30am](#)

[Wednesday, October 25, 2:00pm-2:30pm](#)

Each webinar covers the same content and will take place online. Participants will receive a meeting invitation, including a link to the session, immediately upon registration. A reminder email will be sent 24-48 hours before the start of each webinar. If you have any questions, please email ilsat@collegeboard.org.

Nov. 1, 2, and 7 – Live Webinars

District and Test Coordinator Implementation Overview of Digital Testing

Nov. 28, 29, and 30 – Live Webinars

Technology Coordinator Implementation Overview of Digital Testing

GRADE SCHOOLS

Science Testing Results

2023 ISA Individual Student Reports have been mailed to schools. You can access school level student data and reports in IWAS. The Illinois Science Assessment for the 2024 testing season will be in the Pearson PAN network.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness

Pearson has updated the TestNav system requirements for the 2023-24 school year. Please review the technical bulletins and system requirement pages below to ensure your school devices are ready for the spring administration.

IMPORTANT: The updated TestNav app must be downloaded and installed prior to fall 2023 and spring 2024 testing.

- [Updated Technical Bulletin](#)
- [Updated TestNav System Requirements](#)

If you have further questions regarding IKA assessments, please contact Mr. Potempa at rpotempa@isbe.net.