



ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

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- Welcome and Introductions
- Feds, ISBE, Waivers, Flexibility
- Systems Used for ISA
- New for 2021
- User Accounts
- Initial Rostering of Students
- ISA Resources – <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx>
- Next Steps: Districts
- Questions & Answers
- ISBE Contact Information
- **Systems User Guide – detailed walkthrough (stand alone presentation)**

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- [U.S. Department of Education Waiver Information Link](#)
- Other communications from ISBE are forthcoming.
- This webinar is the baseline path forward as if it were a regular testing year.

- Information from the User Guide
 - Assessment Delivery System (ADS)
 - ISBE Teach – test management platform
 - ISBE Learn – test driver (student interaction) platform
- ISBE Student Information System (SIS) – Source of student data – as always, keep SIS updated!
- ISBE ISA Import Wizard – User interface used for ISA to transmit student information from SIS to ISBE Teach

- Grades 5, 8, and 11
- Three test sections per grade – 96 items overall
- General science assessment
 - Life, physical, earth, and engineering technology (imbedded in LS, PS, ESS)
 - Content balanced across sections
 - Content -- 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 between LS, PS, ESS
 - Sections have content in different order
 - SEPs – science and engineering practices are tracked

- Reporting – more raw test point = better reporting capability
 - Student level – overall performance, scores by domain – LS, PS, ESS
 - SEPs – we hope to be able to report at the school level and above
- Performance Trendlines
 - 2016-2019 are comparable
 - 2020-beyond will be on a new scale and establish a new trendline

- Untimed test - estimated student time-on-task is 45 minutes per section
- Students may work so long as they do not leave the test environment (without accommodation)
- Any section started must be completed the same day. If you experience a nonstandard testing situation (i.e. fire alarm) contact ISBE for direction.
- Only issue the Access Code for the current section – do **NOT** issue all 3 at the same time
- All students in a session must start the section together, work at their own paces to finish, then start the next section together if testing more than one section per day.
- Student are not to be dismissed until all in the session have finished. Student may read non-science content related books.

- State Assessment – by code, if needed, school schedules must be adjusted.
- In ISBE Management – district users can set district and/or school test windows
 - Test window controls your automatic rostering and changes due to mobility – closes the process!
- The “smell test” -- does your schedule limit test exposure as much as possible.
- **SAME AS 2020:** Scheduling examples at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IL-Science-Assessment.pdf>
 - All three sessions may be given in one day.
 - All students in a session must start the section together, work at their own paces to finish, then start the next section together if testing more than one section per day.
 - In general, test sessions must be continuous once started, but an individual student taking the exam does not have to test on consecutive days or take test sessions in consecutive order.

- ISA Rostering tool is “near real-time”
 - Outside your test window – nightly
 - Inside your test window – every 15 minutes at 5, 20, 35 and 50 after the hour
 - On demand – ISBE Teach, ISBE Management
- Rostering will not move a student if all sections show status other than Scheduled (3 section rule).
- Student will force submit a student stuck in Paused or In Progress status if a SIS exit is processed.
 - Rostering will move the student if the 3 section rule is not met.
 - Rostering will not move the student if the move hit during the 3rd section.

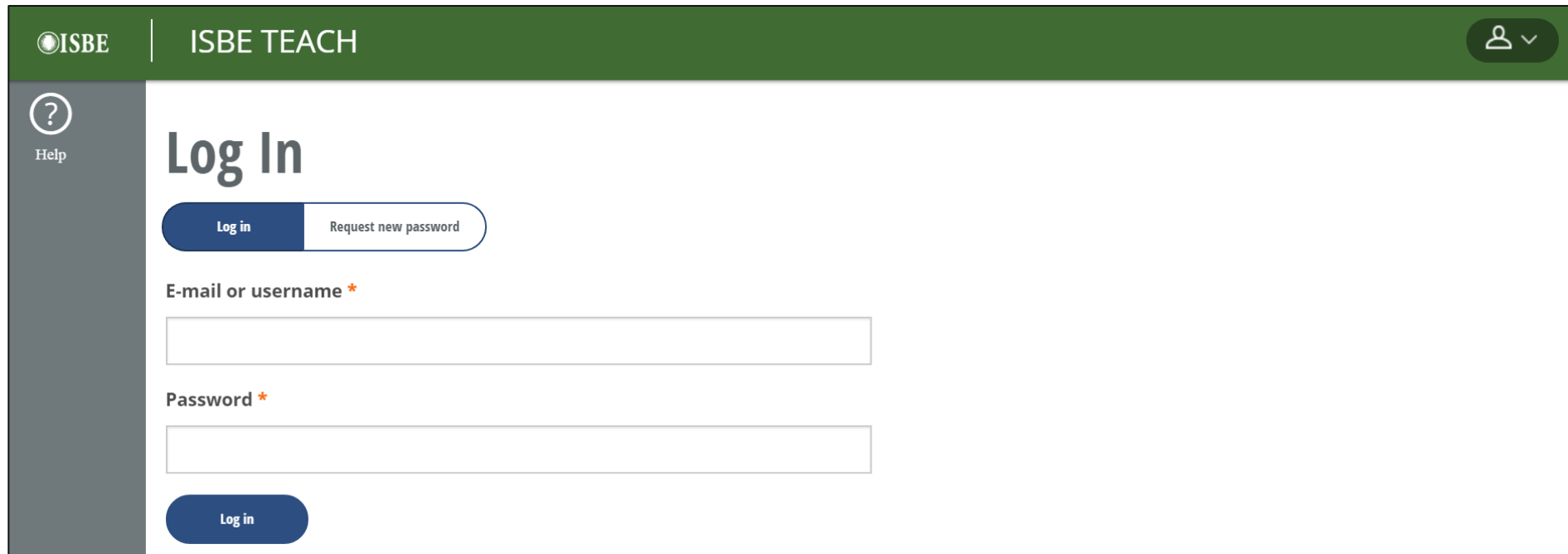
- The school of record will be where the student's last test section is submitted.
 - Performance
 - Participation
 - Corrections process
 - Assessment reports
- **Attemptedness – Performance - Participation**
 - Student must answer at least one item in two sections to count as 'tested'. A scale score will be reported so long as not other suppression reason is required.
 - Records that fail to meet attemptedness will be marked Refusal (code 15) and count vs. participation
- *Accountability* and *Report Card* reports will follow business rules required by those specific data collections (so your **a**ssessment data there may not match your **A**ssessment data in IWAS, Illinois Science assessment).

- Accommodations
 - Translated at the school/district level
 - Large print – test alone, project image onto wall **or** access hard copy to enlarge page
 - Reader Script
 - Braille at the school/district level
- Access – ISBE Teach, Help Menu, ISA Secure Documents, follow directions


- Built in
 - NEW - “Jump” text allows student to click a location in the text from which to start the reader. Does **NOT** require rereading the entire page each time.
 - Text-to-Speech – **Eva (the default) at any speed is the best.** ISBE does not recommend Tom.
 - Line Reader
 - New - Calculator
 - Allowable at all grades – some students may find a use for a calculator, but computational requirements are not substantial
 - Outside ISBE Learn Approved Models/types - follow the same specifications for IAR and SAT
- Others - <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISA-Accommodations-Accessibility-Features.pdf>

- ISBE loaded initial user accounts (EPS data as of 3pm on 3/7)
 - When? – overnight 3/7/21 to 3/8/2021 from ileducat.es.org
 - Who? – ISBE used district and school level EPS data for each RCDTS code:
 - Primary Contact
 - ISA Coordinator
 - If school districts entered ISA Coordinator data, then the result will be two user accounts for each RCDTS code in IWAS.
 - Not CPS schools – CPS staff will load CPS users
 - Why? –
 - EPS has the official administrative contact person and ISA test coordinator for each organization. ISBE purges the ISBE-Teach users accounts each year as part of system security procedures.

<https://teach-isa.ileducates.org/user/login?nextDestination=dashboard>



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- ISBE performed a statewide sweep to roster students for ISA – March 4 at 9AM
 - Delta process started running nightly beginning March 7
- This resulted in students being loaded with default Test Sections and test locations (testing schools)
- Why?
 - The initial student load saves processing time and allows us to load student data and then assign tests.
 - Next, we started the Delta Process (automatically exiting and enrolling triggered by actions taken in SIS)
 - Completes the work for district **if you do not want to customize your sections and test locations**

- Posted on the ISA Website: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx>
- Resources
 - Systems User Guide – provides help with all ISA systems used during testing
 - ISA 101 – basics about the ISA
 - Professional Testing Practices for Educators – specifics about ISA administration
 - Illinois Science Assessment Accommodations & Accessibility Features – guidance on ISA accommodations and accessibility features for students with IEP, 504, or EL plans

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISA_ADS_Whitelist.pdf

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- https://isbe-isa-prod-tap.s3.amazonaws.com
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- themes.googleusercontent.com
- www.google-analytics.com

- Continue to Enroll and Exit students in SIS.
- If desired, customize your class rosters in ISBE Teach.
- Create additional user accounts as needed.
- Safe Exam Browsers - [ISBE-ISA-2021-SEB-Install-and-Troubleshooting-Guide.pdf](#)

- Q&A before transitioning to the detailed Systems User Guide walkthrough

- **ISBE Help**
 - [Science Web Page](#)
 - ISA Customer Service Lines
 - 1-855-340-3911
 - Email at isbe-isa-support@psionline.com
 - Policy Questions
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