



2013 ISAT Reading Assessment

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2013 ISAT Window

- Regular Test Window: March 4–15, 2013



2013 Reading ISAT Assessment

- Item formats: Multiple Choice (MC) and Extended Response (ER)
- Field-test items within the test
- Four answer choices for MC at all grades
- Three 45-minute* sessions
- Plus up to 10 additional minutes for all students



2013 Reading ISAT Assessment

- Twenty percent (20%) of the operational items were written to Common Core Standards.
- More detailed information about the 2013 reading assessment can be found at:
<http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/2013/isat/roadmap-ela-13.pdf>.



ISAT Reading Test Session 1

- 6 short passages (literary, informational, poems)
- 30 multiple-choice questions
- SAT 10 (norm-referenced) questions



ISAT Reading Test Session 2

- 2 or more passages
- 20 multiple-choice questions
- 1 extended-response item

Note: Questions in Session 2 were written
by Illinois educators



ISAT Reading Test Session 3

- 2 sets of paired passages
- 20 multiple-choice questions
- 1 extended-response item
- 100% of the items written to Common Core Standards
- Session 3 contains pilot material

Note: Questions in Session 3 were written by Illinois educators



Testing Policies and Prohibitions

- Must be administered uniformly across the state
- Read and use Test Administration Manual
- Read the Professional Testing Practices for Educators
- Supervise students during testing
- Do not help students with test items
- Do not read any part of the reading assessment to students.



Test Preparation Suggestions

- Integrate test-taking skills into regular classroom instruction
- Be familiar with and practice different test item formats with students (MC and ER)
- Be familiar with the extended response rubric and sample problems (found in the sample books)
- Create a positive atmosphere for testing and adopt a “do your best” attitude with students



ISAT Report Templates

ISAT report templates are available online at

<http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isat.htm>



Sample Books and Interactive Items

- The 2012-2013 Sample Books are posted. New sample passages and items are available for 2012-13. Hard copies of the Sample Books are no longer mailed to schools.
- The Interactive ISAT items are posted online at www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/sample_books.htm



Questions?

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