



# 2012 ISAT Reading Assessment

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# 2012 ISAT Window

- Regular Test Window: March 5–16, 2012
- Check the following link for more details about modifying the test window dates:  
[http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/2012/isat/test\\_window\\_waiver\\_2012.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/2012/isat/test_window_waiver_2012.pdf)



# 2012 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



# 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 longer 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 or 3 passages
- 20 multiple-choice questions
- 1 extended-response item

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 science test to students unless it is in their IEP. If it's in their IEP, test the student(s) separately.



# Test Preparation Suggestions

- Be familiar with the Illinois Learning Standards and the Assessment Frameworks
- 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





# Improving Reading Scores

Students across Illinois seem to have difficulty with items that address these topics:

- Antonyms
- Homonyms
- Mood and tone
- Point of view
- Irony



# Improving Reading Scores

- Distinction between narrative and expository writing
  - Particularly when the expository text contains some dialogue and events occur in time order
- Text structure/organizational pattern
- Main idea vs. supporting detail
- Elements of fiction
- Author's message
- Identifying genre of a passage



# Improving Reading Scores

- Items that require students to look back to a specific paragraph
- Point of view
- Inference
- Character foil
- Cause and effect



# ISAT Report Templates

ISAT report templates are available online at

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



# Sample Books and Interactive Items

- The 2011-2012 Sample Books are posted. No new sample items will be added for 2012 and hard copies are no longer mailed to schools.
- The 2011-2012 Interactive ISAT items are posted online at [www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/sample\\_books.htm](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/sample_books.htm)



# Questions?

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