May 2021

ILLINOIS REPORT CARD RUNDOWN

Report Card information for schools and districts, including **data system openings and closings**, **deadline reminders**, and **key information regarding changes and updates to the 2021 Report Card**.

Changes for 2021

The 2021 Report Card will have three releases of data. Having both spring and fall testing windows for the 2021 school year means assessment data and College and Career Ready data will be released during the second release or the third release (as applicable by district). The various release dates are listed below, as well as when you can expect to start seeing assessment data and College and Career Ready data on the Report Card:

The initial release of the Report Card will take place on October 29, 2021. This release will include all metrics that do not rely on assessment data. These data will be reported at the school, district, and state levels.

On December 2, 2021, the following data will be released to the Report Card for districts that completed spring assessment testing. These data will only be reported at the school and district levels. No state-level data will be released.

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)
- SAT
- College and Career Ready

On April 27, 2022, the following data will be released to the Report Card for those who completed spring and/or fall assessment testing. These data will be reported at the school, district, and state levels.

- IAR
- SAT
- ACCESS
- Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)
- Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)
- College and Career Ready

Summative Designations
Assessments for the 2019-20 school year were canceled; therefore, summative designations will not be calculated for 2021. Schools that have been previously identified for support will maintain that support status, but no 2021 annual summative designations will be reported.

High-level Report Card Timeline
May: Data submissions and data quality checks begin.
July: Data verification begins via the Data Review and Verification Tool.

- Note: Assessments data and College and Career Ready data will NOT be made available within this tool due to timing of the spring and fall assessment testing windows for 2021 school year reporting. We will provide districts with the ability to review their data prior to it being published on the Report Card at a later time.

MyIRC Educator Preview

- October 2021: Superintendents and principals preview the 2021 Report Card via MyIRC for data that will be included in the initial release (all metrics not related to assessments).
- November 2021: Superintendents and principals preview the 2021 Report Card via MyIRC for Assessments (IAR and SAT spring testing only) and College and Career Ready data related to spring Assessments testing.
- Late March 2022 through late April 2022: Superintendents and principals preview the 2021 Report Card via MyIRC for IAR (fall testing only), SAT (fall testing only), College and Career Ready (related to fall Assessments testing only) as well as ACCESS, DLM-AA, and ISA data related to spring and/or fall assessment testing.

Report Card Releases:

- October: The 2021 Report Card, which will contain all metrics that do not utilize assessment data, will be released on October 29, 2021.
- December: The IAR, SAT, and College and Career Ready data will be released to the Report Card on December 2, 2021. This will only be for districts that completed the spring assessment testing. These data will only be reported at the school and district levels.
- April: All remaining assessment data and College and Career Ready data will be released to the Report Card on April 27, 2022. These data will be reported at the school, district, and state levels.

What's Being Added for 2021?

Advanced Academic Program – This is a course of study to which students are assigned based on advanced cognitive ability or advanced academic achievement compared to local age peers. The curriculum is substantially differentiated from the general curriculum to provide appropriate challenge and pace. This new metric will include:

- Students who are enrolled in Accelerated Placement, which is the number and percentage of all students who have been enrolled in Accelerated Placement. This is the sum of the students who have a code of 01 (student is accelerated for English language arts [ELA] only), 02 (student is accelerated for math only), 03 (student is accelerated for single subject other than ELA or Math), 04 (student is accelerated for multiple subjects, but not whole grade), and 05 (whole grade acceleration).
- Students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, which is the number and percentage of all students who have been enrolled in Advanced Placement coursework. This is the sum of the students enrolled in a course denoted as being an AP course in the course catalog.
- Students who are enrolled in International Baccalaureate (IB) coursework, which is the number and percentage of all students who have been enrolled in IB coursework. This is the sum of the students enrolled in a course denoted as being an IB course in the course catalog.
- Students who are enrolled in any course designated as Enriched or Honors, which is the number and percentage of all students who have been enrolled in any course designated as Enriched or Honors. This is the sum of the students enrolled in a course with a course level code of 03 (Enriched) or 04 (Honors).
- Students who are enrolled in any dual-credit course in which college credit was earned, which is the number and percentage of all students who have been enrolled in any dual-credit course in which college credit was earned. This is the sum of the students who have a dual-credit course code of "yes"; the student earned college credit.

College and Career Ready– This is the number of students who have an exit code of graduated during the current academic year and meet either the Distinguished Scholar definition and/or College and Career Scholar definition. This new metric will include:

- Distinguished Scholar, which is defined as the percentage of students with a grade 12 designation, or a junior if he/she graduated early, that meet the criteria for Distinguished Scholar.
- College and Career Scholar, which is defined as the percentage of students with a grade 12 designation, or a junior if he/she graduated early, that meet the criteria for College and Career Scholar.
- View 2021 College and Career Ready Indicator Guidance and additional details outlining the process.

Data Accuracy - It is imperative that districts ensure their data is accurate and complete in a timely manner to ensure the accuracy and timely completion and distribution of the 2021 Report Card.
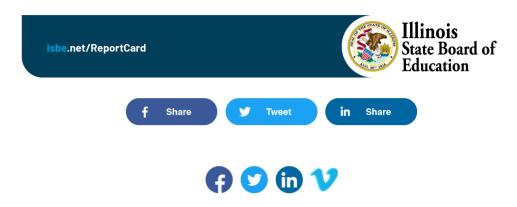
Administrator Contact Info in EPS and EIS - We ask that all district and school administrators ensure their contact information in ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS) and Employment Information System (EIS) is accurate and current, in light of any staff or administration changes. This will help to ensure all administrators are receiving any direct communications sent by ISBE. Any updates to contact information in EPS and EIS should be made via IWAS and before July 1.

Openings and Closings

- Year End Collection
  - 2021 Year End Collection (YEC) – Opened May 17 – Closes July 31
  - The 2021 YEC is now available for data entry in IWAS.
  - View 2021 YEC Guidance and additional details.
- Student Information System
  - Important Student Information System (SIS) data collection dates can be found here.
- Site-Based Expenditure Reporting
  - FY 2021 ESSA Site-Based Expenditure Reporting (SBER) – Opens July 1 – Closes August 16
  - Edits to submitted data or SBER narratives may be made until August 31.
  - An update to the FY 2021 SBER Reporting Guidance will be released once it becomes available. There will be no major changes to the FY 2020-FY 2021 guidance released in May 2020.

Dive Deeper

- Upcoming Webinars
  - SIS End of Year Report Card and Accountability Verification Webinar – June 2
    - Join us for a webinar from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on June 2 to learn more about the Student Information System – End of Year Report Card and Accountability Verification. Register Now!
  - Report Card Kickoff Webinar – June 17
    - Join us for an overview of the 2021 Report Card Process and Timeline. Register Now!

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