Invest in Kids Act Spring 2024 Administration:
Differences Between SAT with Essay and PSAT 10 & PSAT 8/9

[Public Act 100-465](#) established the Invest in Kids Act. The Act includes a five-year tax credit scholarship program for eligible students who attend qualified nonpublic schools. A portion of the Act requires that scholarship recipients shall be annually assessed at the qualified school where the student attends school in the same manner in which students that attend public schools are annually assessed pursuant to Section 2-3.64a5 of the School Code and that such qualified schools shall pay costs associated with this requirement.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is requiring its public schools to administer the PSAT 8/9 to students in Grade 9 and the PSAT 10 to students in Grade 10. Schools that must administer these tests to scholarship recipients should follow standard protocol for ordering these materials via College Board's SAT Suite Ordering and Registration (SSOR) system.

ISBE is requiring public schools to administer the SAT with Essay to students in Grade 11. Procedures for ordering these materials **differ** from the standard protocol due to the unavailability of the essay via the SSOR. Therefore, schools that must administer this test to scholarship recipients should follow procedures for ordering materials for SAT with Essay through ISBE.

The chart below describes the differences in procedures for each test. Please direct any questions to rpotempa@isbe.net.

Topic	Spring 2024 PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10	Spring 2024 SAT with Essay
Student Eligibility	All scholarship recipients in Grade 9 must be tested with PSAT 8/9. All scholarship recipients in Grade 10 must be tested with PSAT 10. *Note: The school may choose to test all Grade 9 and 10 students, if desired, please place order for all students when ordering.*	All scholarship recipients in Grade 11 must be tested with SAT with Essay. ***Note**: The school may choose to test all Grade 11 and 12 students, if desired but the SAT with Essay is the **ONLY** option for the 2024 spring testing cycle. Schools will **NOT** be able to use SAT w/o Essay along with SAT w/ Essay.*
Test Dates	March 18-April 26, 2024	March 18-April 26, 2024
Establishing as a Test Site	Administrators from schools serving Grade 9 and/or 10 scholarship recipients must complete an establishment survey that is currently available on the [IWAS](#) platform. Only administrators listed in EPS have access to survey. Please review [training video](#) prior to completing survey. The survey closes November 30, 2023.	Administrators from schools serving Grade 11 scholarship recipients were required to complete a form to establish their school as a test site for spring 2023. The link to the form was sent via email from College Board to building administrators on September 20,2023, and closed on September 29, 2023. Administrator email addresses were provided to the College Board by ISBE based on information in ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS). District/school staff must ensure data in EPS are updated on a consistent basis.
Identifying Test Staff and Addresses	Test coordinators and school addresses will be listed in the College Board Test Ordering Services Test coordinators are encouraged to confirm that the address listed in College Board's Ordering System is correct. If a change of address or staffing update is needed, test coordinators should call College Board Customer Service at (888) 477-7728.	School addresses will be provided to the College Board by ISBE based on information in EPS. Test coordinator names and contact information will be identified by the school administrator via annual fall establishment survey response.

Topic	Spring 2024 PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10	Spring 2024 SAT with Essay
Ordering Materials	School staff will order standard and accommodated materials in College Board's Ordering System. The deadline for schools and districts to order test materials for April will be in February 2024.	School staff will be responsible for securely providing ISBE with a student file that lists all students who will be tested by January 30, 2024. All changes after this date, schools will need to contact College Board directly.
Accommodations	Students must have approved College Board accommodations in SSD Online prior to the ordering deadline to allow orders for accommodated materials to be placed in the Ordering System. The deadline is January 30, 2024.	Students must have College Board accommodations entered in SSD Online prior to the accommodations deadline date of January 30, 2024.
English Learner (EL) Supports	EL supports are available. Extended time requests are required to be entered in SSD Online.	EL supports are available. Extended time requests are required to be entered in SSD Online.
Training	Standard PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 training is available to test coordinators within their College Board account.	Test coordinators must complete Standard SAT School Day training. They will receive a call-to-action email asking them to complete training prior to test administration.
Communications	School staff receive standard College Board communications about fall testing and may occasionally receive custom emails from ISBE.	School staff will receive emails from ISBE or customized emails about state testing from College Board.
Publications	School staff receive standard College Board publications, including manuals.	School staff will receive some publications specific to the ISBE-provided administration.
Online Score Reporting for Educators	Scores are released to educators for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 based on the following: Tests Submitted 3/18/24-3/29/24 – Release 4/16/24 Tests Submitted 3/30//24-4/12/24 – Release 4/30/24 Tests Submitted 4/13/24-4/26/24 – Release 5/14/24 Scores are available in the K-12 College Board Reporting Portal.	Scores are released to educators for SAT w/ Essay based on the following: Tests Submitted 3/18/24-3/29/24 – Release 4/16/24 Tests Submitted 3/30//24-4/12/24 – Release 4/30/24 Tests Submitted 4/13/24-4/26/24 – Release 5/14/24 Scores are available in the K-12 College Board Reporting Portal.
Online Score Reporting for Students	Scores are released to students for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 based on the following: Tests Submitted 3/18/24-3/29/24 – Release 4/18/24 Tests Submitted 3/30/24-4/12/24 – Release 5/2/24 Tests Submitted 4/13/24-4/26/24 – Release 5/16/24 in student College Board accounts.	Scores are released to students for SAT w/ Essay based on the following: Tests Submitted 3/18/24-3/29/24 – Release 4/18/24 Tests Submitted 3/30/24-4/12/24 – Release 5/2/24 Tests Submitted 4/13/24-4/26/24 – Release 5/16/24 in student College Board accounts
Grade-Level Adjustments	School staff should complete an invoicing process in College Board Ordering System after testing is complete to ensure that the grade levels listed for students in ordering system are correct for invoicing and reporting purposes. Test coordinators will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process when it is time to do so.	School staff should complete an invoicing process in College Board's Ordering System after testing is complete to ensure that the grade levels listed for students in the ordering system are correct for invoicing and reporting purposes. Test coordinators will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process when it is time to do so.
Invoicing	Schools will be invoiced for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9.	Schools will be invoiced for SAT with Essay.