

2020-21 Illinois State Assessments

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IAR for Grades 3-8 (Illinois Assessment of Readiness)						
Content Area	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ELA/Literacy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test Dates:	Online: March 1, 2021 (earliest) – April 30, 2021 (latest) Paper: March 1, 2021 (earliest) – April 16, 2021 (latest)					

DLM-AA for Grades 3-11* (Dynamic Learning Maps-Alternate Assessment)									
Content Areas:	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
ELA/Literacy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science			✓			✓			✓
Test Dates:	March 10, 2021 (earliest) – May 5, 2021 (latest) Data Lockdown on February 10, 2021 <i>*Current grade 12 students without a valid grade 11 or 12 score or qualifying exemption from any previous grade 11 or 12 DLM-AA administration will be rostered to take DLM-AA in spring 2021 in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.</i>								

ISA for Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Illinois Science Assessment)			
Content Area:	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Science	✓	✓	✓
Test Dates:	March 1, 2021 (earliest) – April 30, 2021 (latest) Note: ISBE will collect school level test windows by district level users via the ISBE Management button in ISBE Teach. <i>Grades 5, 8, and 11 students for whom DLM-AA is the more appropriate assessment will continue to participate in the DLM-AA science assessment in lieu of the ISA.</i>		

ACCESS for ELLs™ for Grades K-12 (ACCESS for English Language Learners)													
Content Areas:	Grade												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Speaking Listening Reading Writing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test Window:	January 4 – March 2, 2021 (NEW, extended testing window) <i>There are no waiver windows this year. They are combined into a single window for school year 2021 to better accommodate hybrid instruction schedules.</i>												

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SAT with Essay[®] for Grade 11*

**Content Areas:
ELA/Literacy,
Mathematics, Essay**

**Primary Test Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Makeup Test Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Accommodated Test Window: April 13-27, 2021**

**Current grade 12 students without a valid grade 11 or 12 score or qualifying exemption from any previous ISBE-provided SAT with Essay administration will be rostered to take SAT with Essay in spring 2021.*

PSAT[™] 10 for Grade 10

**Content Areas:
ELA/Literacy,
Mathematics**

Primary/Makeup Test Window: April 13-23, 2021
Accommodated Test Window: April 13-23, 2021**

PSAT[™] 8/9 for Grade 9

**Content Areas:
ELA/Literacy,
Mathematics**

Primary/Makeup Test Window: April 13-23, 2021
Accommodated Test Window: April 13-23, 2021**

For planning purposes, ISBE is providing the following guidance for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9

- For PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9, any number of primary test date(s) can be chosen from among the expanded test window from April 13-23, 2021.
- Unless approved to test with accommodations that allow more than one day of testing, any student must complete PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9 testing in one day.
- If choosing more than one PSAT 10 primary test date, the primary test dates should be consecutive (e.g., student in homerooms 1-4 on 04/19/21 and students in homerooms 5-8 on 04/20/21).
- If choosing more than one PSAT 8/9 primary test date, the primary test dates should be consecutive (e.g., last names A-H on 04/14/21, last names I-Q on 04/15/21, and last names R-Z on 04/16/21).
- Makeup testing can be conducted as staff and students are available to do so safely on any day during the expanded test window from April 14-23, 2021 (e.g., if a student originally scheduled to test on 04/14/21 is absent, this student may test on the next date he/she attends school, even if that date is designated as the primary test date for another student group, or he/she may also test at a later date on or before 04/23/21).

IMPORTANT:

ISBE hopes this information will allow all schools to plan their 2020-21 school calendars so as to be in session for at least the primary and makeup test dates for SAT/PSAT.

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**An expanded test window will provide flexibility and promote staff and student safety during the spring 2021 administration of PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9. This flexibility will allow test materials sent for primary PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 testing to be used exclusively, and no separate makeup test books will need to be ordered for PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9. Please note that PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 makeup testing may not occur on April 27, 2021, as was communicated previously. All PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 test books must be returned after testing is completed.

Contact the Department of Assessment at assessment@isbe.net or 866-317-6034 if your district/school has scheduling conflicts.

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