

2026-27 Illinois State Assessment Dates

Spring Holidays and Time Change

Holiday/Event	Date(s)
Ramadan	February 7-March 8, 2027
Eid al-Fitr	March 9-10, 2027
Daylight Saving Time Begins	March 14, 2027
Good Friday	March 26, 2027
Vaisakhi	April 14, 2027
Rama Navami	April 15, 2027
Passover	April 21-29, 2027

Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)

Domains	Observation Window	Data Entry Window
Social Emotional, Alternate Regulation, Cognition: Math, Language and Literacy	First 40 days of student attendance	One calendar week before and one calendar week after day 40. <i>*Data entry windows are specific to each district's attendance calendar.</i>

WIDA ACCESS (ELs)/Alternate ACCESS

Content Area(s)	Grades Assessed	Testing Window
Speaking/Listening/ Reading/Writing	K-12	January 13-March 2, 2027

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

Content Area(s)	Grades Assessed	Testing Window
Science	Grades 5, 8	March 1-April 30, 2027

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

Content Area(s)	Grades Assessed	Testing Window
ELA/Math	Grades 3-8	Online: March 1-April 16, 2027
ELA/Math	Grades 3-8	Paper: March 1-April 2, 2027

PreACT 9 Secure/PreACT Secure

Testing may be scheduled on any day within the selected Test Event. Students may test during any Test Event, as needed. Students with multi-day testing should be scheduled early in the Test Event since they must start and complete testing in the same Test Event.

Content Area (s)	Grades Assessed	Test Event
English, Math, Reading, Science	9, 10	March 8-March 19, 2027
English, Math, Reading, Science	9, 10	March 22-April 2, 2027
English, Math, Reading, Science	9, 10	April 5-April 16, 2027

Dynamic Learning Maps – Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)

*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 2027.

Content Area(s)	Grades Assessed	Testing Window
ELA/Math	Grades 3–11*	March 10-May 5, 2027
Science	Grades 5, 8, 9-11*	March 10-May 5, 2027

ACT + Science + Writing

Testing may be scheduled on any day within the selected Test Event, as needed. Students requiring multi-day testing should be scheduled early in the Test Event, as they must begin and complete testing within the same Test Event.

*Current Grade 12 students without a valid Grade 11 or 12 score or qualifying exemption from any previous ISBE-provided administration will be rostered automatically to take ACT + Science + Writing in spring 2027.

Content Area(s)	Grade Assessed	Test Event
English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing	11*	March 23-April 2, 2027
English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing	11*	April 6-16, 2027
English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing	11*	April 20-30, 2027