# ISBE Student Assessment Update

Illinois State Board of Education March 28, 2025



## Agenda

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## **General Updates**

- To register for upcoming
   Assessment Update
   Webinars, open the blue
   "Presentations and Webinars"
   accordion on the
   <u>Communications webpage</u>, and click on the "Registration" link.
- All Assessment Update Webinars are recorded and posted, along with the presentation slide deck, on the "<u>Presentations and</u> <u>Webinars Archive</u>" page.





## **ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS)**

- ISBE's **Entity Profile System (EPS)** serves as the directory for Illinois schools and districts, and most IWAS systems use information from EPS for important notifications, updates, due dates, etc.
- Districts should identify the name and contact for each test coordinator currently listed in EPS.

Note: Two new contact types have been added:
"District Test Coordinator" and "High School Test Coordinator."

- The same person may be identified for multiple contact types, based on the work they perform in the school/district (e.g., the principal may be listed as the ISA Coordinator).
- It is also important to identify a "Director of Technology," as this contact will
  receive assessment technology alerts, including those for NAEP. Note that
  individuals under this contact type need not have this specific job title locally.
- Information about ISBE's <u>Entity Profile System</u> is available on the ISBE website and includes the following resources:
  - Webinars
  - Guidance documents
  - Instructions for updating information in EPS



## **Assessment Security Monitoring Survey**

- The Assessment Security Monitoring Survey is sent to districts to ensure that assessment security is being implemented for the test administration.
- The survey was sent out to district administrators(superintendents and principals) to complete on March 14 via an IWAS blast message.
- The survey is located under the system listing "Surveys". If you don't have access, you will need to request access through IWAS.
- Any questions please email <u>assessment@isbe.net</u>.



## **Standard Setting**

- Illinois is undergoing a unified standard setting for all general education content assessments during the summer of 2025.
   New cut scores will be recommended for our current IAR and ISA, and cut scores will be recommended for PreACT Secure 9,
   PreACT Secure (grade 10), and the ACT with Writing.
- Learn more about the standard setting work by visiting <u>https://www.isbe.net/feedback</u>.
- <u>Assessment & Accountability Listening Tour Flyer</u>
  Events began February 3. Review the flyer for upcoming locations around Illinois.

## Share Your Voice! ISBE Seeks Feedback on New Performance Level Descriptors

We invite you to take part in an important opportunity to shape the future of student learning in Illinois! The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is seeking <u>public comment</u> on the first drafts of its new performance level descriptors (PLDs). These drafts were thoughtfully developed by over 100 dedicated educators who collaborated in grade band and subject teams, working diligently from September 2024 through February 2025.

The PLDs are designed to define expectations for student proficiency with the right level of rigor and clarity. Your expertise and insights are invaluable in refining these drafts, ensuring they best serve our students and educators. We encourage you to review collaboratively, capturing the unique perspectives that each educator brings.

ISBE has developed a <u>PLD Review Guiding Questions</u> document to assist you in your review. We invite you to review one subject at a time and submit feedback through the <u>online submission form</u> or via email at <u>essa@isbe.net</u>.

Each assessed grade (or grade band) and subject includes three documents for review:

- Jetailed PLDs for those familiar with content standards.
- ✓ High-level summary PLDs for a broader overview.
- ✓ Sample items, responses, and rubrics to illustrate performance expectations.

The public comment window closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025.







(ISA)



## **ISA Testing Information**

- The ISA Blueprint is the same as last year.
- The ISA is made up of 3 units.
- Each unit contains 30 multiple choice or technology enhanced interactions and 2 constructed response items which require a student written response.
- The domains of Life, Physical & Earth Space science are evenly distributed throughout all 3 units of the exam.

## **ISA Testing Information**

- Each unit takes approximately 45-50 minutes to complete. If you have students that you know will take more than the average 50 minutes to complete a unit, we suggest creating a separate proctor group for those students to allow for more efficient scheduling.
- There is a 2-hour time limit for any one unit of the exam, that is monitored by the test administrator.
- The Text-to-Speech (TTS) feature is automatically available to all students in the testing platform.
- <u>Please do not select Assistive Technology –Screen Reader in accommodations for the TTS function.</u>

## **ISA Testing Information Links**

#### Pearson Customer Support

Call Illinois Customer Support 1-833-213-3879

M-F: 6:30 am - 6 pm (JAN - MAY)

Click here to chat with Illinois Customer Support
Click here to submit a Pearson Help Desk Request

- Pearson Support Page
- Tips for Teachers
- ISA Blue-Print
- Platform Practice Items
- Student Readiness Tool
- Training Videos
- Illinois Science Standards (NGSS)
- Technology Setup



## **ISA Document Resource Links**

- Test Administration Manual
- Test Coordinator Manual
- Security Agreement
- Emergency Accommodation
- Paper-Based Proctor Scripts
- Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual
- Test Irregularity or Security Breach
- Testing Do Not Disturb Sign

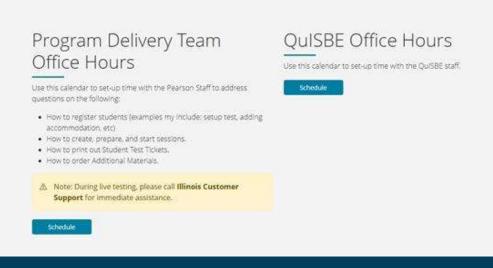


## **QuISBE Practice Test Platform Open**

- New ISA Practice Exams are now available on the QuISBE Practice Test Platform.
- You will need to contact Pearson to set up an office hours session prior to accessing the system for a tutorial on using the platform.

#### Pearson Customer Support 1-833-213-3879

ISA Summative Resources | IL Portal



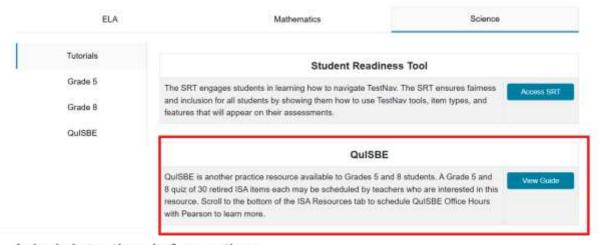


## **QuISBE Platform User Guide**

#### **ISA Summative Resources | IL Portal**

#### IL Practice Items

Practice Items for each grade level of the IL assessment are provided below to help you become familiar with the types of questions and the format used on the TestNav 8 testing platform. To get started, please choose your desired subject from the menu below and then select your grade.



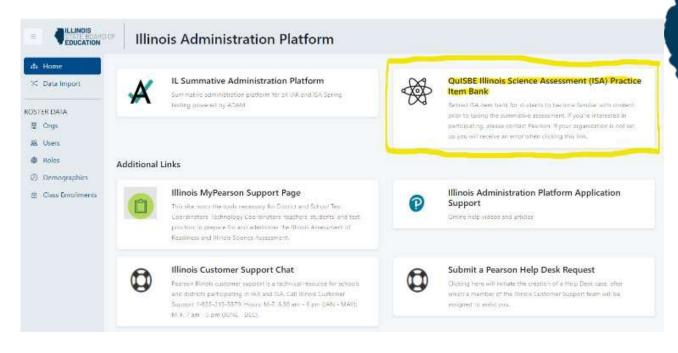
#### Administration Information

For additional resources including Test Administrator Manuals, Test Administrator Scripts, AF&A Manual, Tools, and Policies, see the Resources page. Accommodation Resources Accessibility Features and Accommodations (AF&A) Resources Forms Resource Materials Test Proctor Scripts and Resources Tools and Policies QuiSBE Quick Guide



## **QuISBE Platform Access**

 Access to the QuISBE platform can be found on the main page of the Illinois Administrative Platform





## **Contact Information ISBE Website <u>Illinois Science Assessment</u>**

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ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS (IAR)



#### **KEY DATES**

Testing is Available Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Events	Dates
IAR Spring 2025 Testing Window – Paper Testing IAR Spring 2025 Testing Window – Online Testing	March 3 – April 4, 2025 March 3 – April 18, 2025
Additional Order window for districts/schools (paper testing materials)	February 20 – April 1, 2025
Additional Order window for districts/schools (computer testing materials)	February 20 – April 15, 2025
Deadline to return <b>paper-based</b> scorable and nonscorable materials to back to Pearson	April 11, 2025
Deadline to return <b>computer-based</b> scorable and nonscorable materials back to Pearson	April 25, 2025



#### MANUALS AND RESOURCES

Resources are being posted as soon as they are approved for release. Please check the support site regularly to make sure that you have downloaded the most up to date version.

#### **Resources:**

- Accessibility Features & Accommodations Manual
- <u>Field Definitions and Accommodations Supplement</u>
- <u>Test Administrator Manual</u>
- Test Coordinator Manual
- <u>Infrastructure Trial Guide</u>

#### **Test Proctor Scripts**

- ELA Paper-Based Scripts
- ELA Computer-Based Scripts UPDATED
- Math Paper-Based Scripts UPDATED
- Math Computer-Based Scripts
- Translated Proctor Scripts (Posted on the support site.)



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

#### **Checking Accommodations**

Provide various ways to check accommodations.

- Check by Administration Card.
- Check by Accommodation Type.
- Check by Proctor Group.
- Check by .csv file download.

The platform also offers a way for the test proctor to double check the applied accommodations for your students through the Print Test Cards feature. By toggling to the Accommodations Display, you are able to print a roster of your accommodations along with your student test tickets.

The Test Proctor can review all accommodations before allowing students to begin testing.



#### **RESOURCE MATERIAL**

#### **Human Reader/Signer Assigning Instructions**

There are changes to assigning and administering paper-based and computer-based Human Reader tests and computer-based Human Signer tests for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment.

\*Paper Human Reader kits for ELA and Paper Human Reader kits with a Human Reader Script for Math are no longer available for the IAR.

#### **Creating Proctor Groups Guidance**

Guidance on creating proctor groups in the Illinois Administration Platform without students and with students manually. (Proctor groups <u>without</u> students is recommended.)

#### **Uploading Proctor Groups**

Guidance for those who choose to create proctor groups and add students manually within the platform via file upload.

#### **Accountability Codes and Voiding Tests**

For students not participating in testing due to being homebound, hospitalization, etc.

**Note:** District and School Test Coordinators will NOT be able to void tests within the platform for Spring 2025.



#### **RESOURCE MATERIAL**

#### **Irregularity Reports**

In the event of a testing irregularity, school staff has 5 business days to submit a test irregularity form to the Assessment Department at the Illinois State Board of Education. Please provide details of the incident and what steps school staff took to correct incident. The Irregularity Report can be submitted electronically through the ISBE **Attachment Manager** under *System Quick Links* on the Illinois State Board of Education website.

- >>Click on the **Send ISBE a file** link,
- >>Once there, complete the fields,
- >>Select IAR Irregularities from the ISBE eMail Name drop down menu,
- >>Press Submit.

If you have the same issue for a group of students, you can just submit one irregularity form and add the roster of students along with their state IDs and DOB.

#### **Print Test Cards**

Guidance on various options for printing test cards.

Please click on the link in the pdf to access the guidance documents or download from the Pearson support site.

#### **Proctor Dashboard Guide**

Guidance for Test Proctors to manage the proctor dashboard.



#### **HOT TOPICS**

1. SEAL CODES-One seal code shall be entered per Unit/Section. Do not provide Seal Codes to students unless your entire class is ready to move to the next section. The computer-based proctor scripts have been updated with additional seal code usage guidance. Please communicate this message to proctors in your school.

**Entering Seal Codes – Math (Grades 6 & 7)** 



- 2. RECOVER TIME LOSS-Students must be allowed the full time designated for each section. If that time was compromised for any reason, then it must be recovered to avoid an irregularity.
  - Use the Move To Section button to move students back to the section that was affected by lost time.
- **3. TIME MANAGER-** The platform should not be used to manage testing times. A separate device will be needed (timer, cell phone, wall clock).
- **4. ADDING ACCOMMODATIONS**-A test that has been started <u>cannot be altered</u>. You must contact ISBE for guidance on next steps.
- **5. VOID and RETEST-**Accommodations errors must be caught early to be considered for a void/retest.



- 6. MAKE UP TESTING-You have two options for make-up testing. Make Up Guidance Document
  - Test students from the existing proctor group
  - Create a Make Up proctor group and move student into them
    - Do not allow students to press the final Submit button if they have missed a section.
    - Use the Move To Section button to take students back to the section that was missed and provide the seal code for that section.

#### IEP CHANGES DURING THE TESTING WINDOW

The platform is populated based on the current student enrollment in SIS. If the DLM indicator is marked as YES, then the student will not appear in the platform. Therefore, changing the DLM indicator for a student during the testing window will directly impact the student's IAR test and cause the student to be removed from the platform.

#### **Guidelines:**

- If a student has started testing for IAR, then the student must complete testing for IAR. Please do not change the DLM indicator until AFTER the student has completed testing. If the student was removed from the platform because the district updated the program indicator to DLM, then please change the indicator back to NO so that this student can be reloaded into the platform and then finish testing. The student will test for DLM the following year.
- If the student has not started testing for IAR, then the program indicator can be changed to YES and then contact Pam Hartwig to load the student into KITE.





#### STUDENT MOBILITY



If a student transfers during the testing window, the platform will update based on the new enrollment and move the student over to the new school. It is the responsibility of the new school to finish testing a student who transfers if they did not already finish testing at the previous school.

Once the student is visible on your roster and they HAVE NOT finished testing, have them to log into TestNav and provide them with the test code for the proctor group you wish for them to join. This will pull the student into the new proctor group and allow them to continue testing with your school.

The same business rules apply as in the past. Please review the <u>Student Mobility Guidance</u> document for Q&A and more information on this topic.

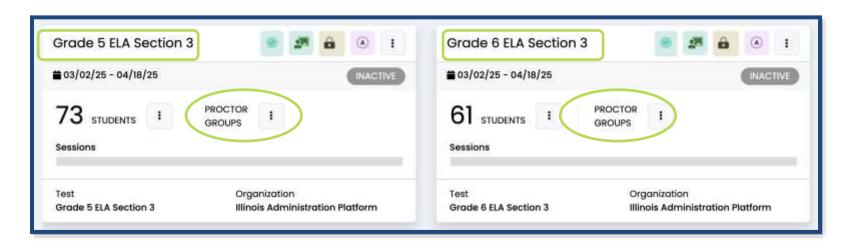
#### **2025 IAR Field Test Participation**

#### Field test participation is not optional.

- 2025 Field Participation List (Ordered Alphabetically)
- 2025 Field Participation List (Ordered by RCDTS Code)

#### Create a Field Test Proctor Group

The field test will be housed under a Section 3 administration card on the dashboard under the Administrations tab. If you are a participating school, then you will need to create a proctor group for students to take this portion of the test. It is not connected to the first two sections of the ELA assessment.



## **Contact Information**ISBE Website <u>Illinois Assessment of Readiness</u>

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Pearson Support Phone: 1-833-213-3879

Pearson Support Site: il.mypearsonsupport.com





ACT with Writing (grade 11 and 12 <u>as required</u>)

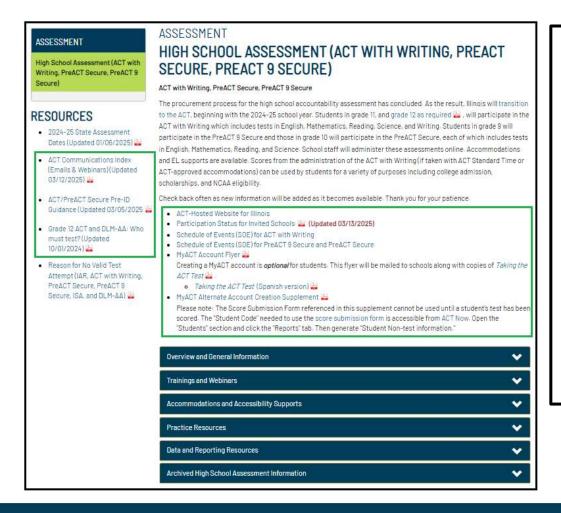
PreACT Secure (grade 10)

PreACT 9 Secure (grade 9)



### **High School Assessment Website**

#### www.isbe.net/Pages/HS-Assessment.aspx



#### **Training:**

Training modules are linked from the <u>ACT-hosted website for Illinois</u> and also appear in Test Center Manager (TCM), accessed via ACT Now.

Training modules in TCM are automatically assigned based on a staff member's user role.

Contact ACT support with any questions: 855-730-0400.



## **UPDATE: ACT Now: Student Authorization Tickets**

- ACT and ISBE were made aware that student authorization tickets printed prior to March 21 had regenerated with new passwords.
  - This was an unanticipated result of the Pre-ID transmission that occurred on 3/21.
  - Testing tickets printed AFTER 3/21 are not affected.
- ACT will be sending communication via email today about the process for re-printing testing tickets.



## **UPDATE:** ACT Now: Student Authorization Tickets Remedy

- To prevent further occurrence of this issue, ISBE will be sending **only** files with new students or students with changes in their record made in SIS in subsequent uploads. The transmission schedule for these uploads has changed and is reflected in the next slide and in updated Pre-ID guidance.
  - Students with changes in their SIS record impacting testing WILL need new testing tickets when changes are submitted via the ISBE file load.
  - If changes are made directly in ACT Now due to timing of uploads, these tickets may not be impacted, but please check to be certain.
  - As a reminder, if you make changes in ACT Now, you must also make those changes in SIS to avoid score-matching issues later.



## **UPDATE: Pre-ID Transmission Schedule**

#### Spring 2025 Schedule: ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID Transmissions into ACT Now

Wednesday, January 15, 2025	Update: Friday, March 14, 2025
Update: Friday, January 24, 2025	Update: Friday, March 21, 2025
Update: Friday, January 31, 2025	Update: Friday, March 28, 2025***
Update: Friday, February 7, 2025	<del>Update: Monday, April 7, 2025</del>
Update: Friday, February 14, 2025	Update: Friday, April 18, 2025****
Update: Friday, March 7, 2025	<del>Update: Monday, April 21, 2025</del>

- \*\*\*ACT has requested that ISBE send a student registration file on 03/28/2025 containing only new students and/or students with any changes since the transmission on 03/21/2025.
- \*\*\*\*ACT has requested that ISBE send a student registration file on 04/18/2025 containing only new students and/or students with any changes since the transmission on 03/28/2025.
- ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID Guidance document: <u>www.isbe.net/Documents/ACT-PreACT-PreID-2025.pdf</u>.



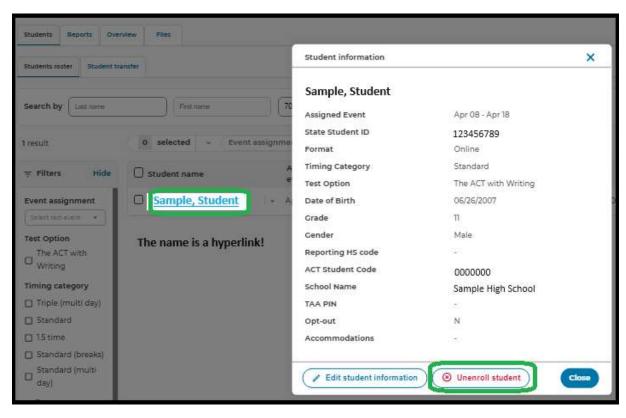
### **Pre-ID in ISBE's Student Information System (SIS)**

- Review Student Testing Rosters in SIS
   The ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID is available now in SIS. Please view slides 112-125 from the SIS webinar from December 4, 2024:
   www.isbe.net/Documents/SY25-Fall-Update.pdf.
- Note: If a student moves out of Illinois, changes grade level (and thus, the test to be taken), or changes to DLM-AA, school staff may manually "Unenroll student" from ACT Now. ACT Now does not have functionality to allow ISBE to batch remove students.
- Contact <u>assessment@isbe.net</u> with any questions.



## **ACT Now Tip: Unenroll student**

For any student who has been exited from SIS and will not be enrolled at another Illinois school or whose grade level has changed, you can "Unenroll student" from ACT Now.
 The batch transmissions from SIS are not able to "batch delete" such students.



The screen shot is from the "Students" tile in ACT Now. The student's name is a hyperlink.



## **ACT Now Tip: New Students**

New Students: If your school receives a new student and the previous school has not yet exited them from SIS or you otherwise need to load the student into ACT Now sooner than the next scheduled transmission from SIS (see page 2), users with the District Test Coordinator or School Test Coordinator User Role may manually add the student into ACT Now.

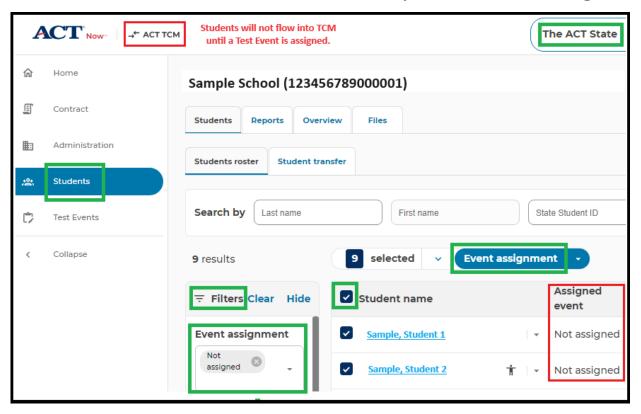
Please be sure the SIS enrollment record is corrected as soon as possible so scores will match correctly.





### **ACT Now Tip: Assign Test Event**

- Students in ACT Now who will be tested must be assigned to a "Test Event" to flow into Test Center Manager (TCM), which is accessible through ACT Now.
- Use the filter in ACT Now to find any students not assigned to a "Test Event."



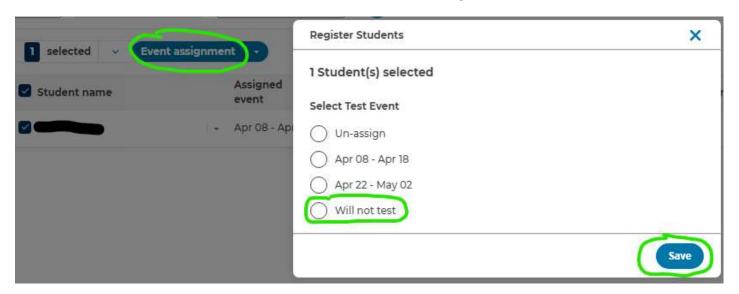
The screen shot is from the "Students" tile in ACT Now. Check the box to the left of the student's name to add or edit the Test Event.

ACT sent a reminder to do this via email on 03/17/25.



### **ACT Now Tip: Assign Test Event "Will not test"**

- If you have any students in ACT Now who will not test, you may identify this in ACT Now. This includes:
  - Students who will be exempt at the time of testing
  - Homeschooled students who are not receiving instruction in a tested content area





### **Eligible Students**

- Students in grades 9 and 10 will participate in the PreACT 9 Secure and the PreACT Secure, respectively.
- Students in grade 11, and grade 12 as required, will participate in the ACT with Writing. Students repeating grade 11 who have tested previously must test for accountability but have met the separate but related diploma requirement.
- Students who are completely or partially homeschooled do not participate unless they
  are receiving instruction from the public school in a tested content area. Note: These
  students will be included on the Pre-ID file and loaded into ACT Now. Apply RNVTA 16
  during the correction window for those not required to test. For students who test,
  they will take the entire test, and staff must contact ISBE after scores are posted to
  suppress data for subjects in which they are not receiving instruction.
- All **English learners**, including those for whom it is their first year in a U.S. school, must participate in all parts of the assessment, assigned based on their grade level in SIS.
- All **foreign exchange students** whom your school has classified as being in grade 9, 10, or 11, must participate.



### **ACT with Writing Test Windows**



(for grade 11 and 12, as required)

Digital Testing Window "Test Event" Options:

**Test Event 1:** March 25-28 and March 31-April 4, 2025

**Test Event 2:** April 8-11 and April 14-18, 2025

**Test Event 3:** April 22-25 and April 28-May 2, 2025

Each two-week "Test Event" begins on a Tuesday. All Test Events may be used.

IMPORTANT: A student with multi-day testing must

begin and complete testing in the same Test Event.



# **ACT with Writing Components Standard Time Testing**

#### **English**

**Time: 45 minutes** 

# of Items: 75

Production of Writing

- Knowledge of Language
- Conventions of Standard English

#### Science\*

**Time: 35 minutes** 

# of Items: 40

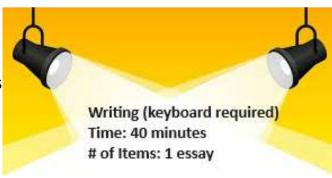
- Interpretation of Data
- Scientific Investigation
- Evaluation of Models, inferences and experimental results

#### Mathematics\*

Time: 60 minutes

# of Items: 60

- Preparing for Higher Math
  - Number and Quantity
  - Algebra
  - Functions
  - Geometry
  - Statistics and Probability
- Integrating Essential Skills
- Modeling



- Argumentative writing
- ACT Writing Scoring Rubric

#### Reading

Time: 35 minutes

# of Items: 40

- Key ideas and details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of knowledge and ideas

\*There is a 10-15-minute break after Mathematics and a 5-minute break after Science.
Breaking for lunch before the Writing test is permitted.



### **ACT Writing**

As in the past, the writing component is mandatory. While the score was not included in the ELA score previously, ACT renders an ELA score that is a composite of the ACT English, ACT reading, and ACT writing components.
 Participation in all three components is required to generate an ACT ELA score and to earn ELA participation credit for purposes of accountability.

#### Understanding ACT ELA Scores

The ACT® English language arts (ELA) score measures overall performance on the ACT English, ACT reading, and ACT writing tests. The ACT ELA score weights the English, reading, and writing scores approximately equally and is therefore reported only for students who take all three tests. This brief describes how the ACT ELA score is calculated and presents information for interpreting the score.



### **PreACT 9 Secure & PreACT Secure Test Windows**

**PreACT 9 Secure (for grade 9) and PreACT Secure (for grade 10)** 

Digital Testing Window "Test Event" Options:

**Test Event 1:** March 17-28, 2025

**Test Event 2:** March 31-April 11, 2025

**Test Event 3:** April 14-25, 2025

Testing should not be administered on weekends. All test events may be used.

IMPORTANT: A student with multi-day testing must begin and complete testing in the same Test Event.



# PreACT 9 Secure & PreACT Secure Components Standard Time Testing

#### **English**

Time: 35 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 44 PreACT Secure # of Items: 48

- Production of Writing
- Knowledge of Language
- Conventions of Standard English

#### Mathematics\*

**Time: 45 minutes** 

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 35 PreACT Secure # of Items: 38

- Preparing for Higher Math
  - Number and Quantity
  - Algebra
  - Functions
  - Geometry
  - Statistics and Probability

\*There is a 15-minute break after Mathematics.

- Integrating Essential Skills
- Modeling

#### Reading

Time: 40 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 33
PreACT Secure # of Items: 33

- Key ideas and details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of knowledge and ideas

#### Science

Time: 35 minutes

PreACT 9 Secure # of Items: 32 PreACT Secure # of Items: 36

- Interpretation of Data
- Scientific Investigation
- Evaluation of Models, inferences and experimental results

## **Spring 2025 Technology**

- Students will use TestNav to take the tests online. Paper testing is available only in rare instances (e.g., accommodations needs).
- TestNav app version 1.13.x is required. If you don't currently have this version installed, you will receive an error message.
- For more information regarding technical readiness, please check out the Technical Guide for Online Testing: <a href="https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/secured/documents/ACT-SD-Tech-">https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/secured/documents/ACT-SD-Tech-</a>
  - <u>Guide-for-Online-Testing.pdf</u>
- Technical Readiness Webinar: <u>View On Demand Version</u>



## **Spring 2025 Training Webinars**

Training Name	Date and Time	
Webinar: ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, and PreACT 9 Secure Data – Understanding Student Roster Reports and School and District Data	Tuesday, March 18, 2025	
Webinar: The ACT Online Reporting System Webinar	Thursday, March 6, 2025	
PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure Test Day Training Webinar	Thursday, February 6, 2025	
Technical Readiness Webinar	Thursday, January 30, 2025	
PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure Pre-Test Training Webinar	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	
The ACT with Writing Test Day Training Webinar	Tuesday, January 14, 2025	
The ACT with Writing Pre-Test Training Webinar	Wednesday, November 6, 2024	
The ACT with Writing Accommodations Webinar	Thursday, October 17, 2024	

All past webinars are now available for On Demand viewing on the ISBE high school webpage: <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/HS-Assessment.aspx">www.isbe.net/Pages/HS-Assessment.aspx</a>.



# ACT Accommodations Office Hours and Illinois ACT State Testing Office Hours

- ACT offered general Accommodations "Office Hours" (not state-specific). All dates that were offered are now available <u>on demand</u>.
- ACT offers Illinois ACT State Testing "Office Hours." Register if you have questions about ACT assessments for spring 2025.

Illinois ACT State Testing - Office Hours		
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 2:00 PM (Available On Demand!)	
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 2:00 PM	
Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 2:00 PM	
<u>Tuesday, February 11, 2025</u> (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 2:00 PM	
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 2:00 PM	
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 2:00 PM	
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 (Available On Demand!)	Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 2:00 PM	



### **Spring 2025 Accommodations and EL Supports**

- Accommodations for students with disabilities and supports for English learners (ELs) and are allowed for the ISBE-Provided PreACT 9 Secure, PreACT Secure, and ACT with Writing.
- Accommodations needs must be documented in an Individualized Education Program
  (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, and students who require English learner supports must be
  identified as English learners in ISBE's SIS.
- Accommodations and supports for English learners must be requested only for those who will take the ACT with Writing.
- Please note: Unlike the ACT with Writing, the use of accommodations and EL supports for the PreACT 9 Secure and the PreACT Secure do <u>not</u> require ACT authorization.



### **Important Note about Designated Supports**

- ACT accommodation and support request responses may have indicated denial of certain accommodation and/or support requests that are considered as designated supports for a state administration of the ACT.
- These supports were denied because they did not require approval for state testing. They may be utilized according to the following guidance:
  - **Defining and Applying Accessibility Supports**
- Contact ACT accommodations staff with any questions:
  - 1-800-553-6244 x1788
  - actstateaccoms@act.org



# Spring 2025 EL Supports ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, PreACT 9 Secure

- Available supports for English learners include the following:
  - ACT-authorized word-to-word bilingual dictionaries and glossary of terms
  - ACT-translated test directions
    - ACT with Writing
    - PreACT and PreACT 9 Secure
  - Extended time (one and one-half time)
- The use of any English learner support must be requested in TAA only for students taking the ACT with Writing.



# Spring 2025 Accommodations and EL Supports ACT with Writing

- The ACT **Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA)** is the system used to request approval for accommodations and EL supports for the **ACT with Writing.**
- Qualified exceptions to the deadline (QED) is a process intended to cover students
  in specific situations that occur after the February 7, 2025, deadline. It is not an
  extension for initial or reconsideration requests. If no requests for accommodations
  or EL supports were submitted for the student by February 7, 2025, and the student
  meets one or more criteria listed in the QED form, the student may be eligible.
- Review the <u>Schedule of Events for ACT with Writing</u> for details about <u>deadlines</u> and for whom the QED process is appropriate.
- Read the <u>QED Form</u> carefully, as there are no reconsideration opportunities once submitted.
- Contact ACT accommodations staff for any assistance:
  - o 1-800-553-6244 x1788
  - o <u>actstateaccoms@act.org</u>



# Spring 2025 Accommodations and EL Supports ACT with Writing

- If your school missed the February 7 deadline to submit accommodations and/or EL supports requests in TAA for any student taking ACT with Writing and the student does *not* meet QED eligibility, the student *may still test with needed accommodations* and/or EL supports, but results will not be college reportable.
- Options for students who are eligible for accommodations and/or EL supports after the February 7, 2025, deadline:
   <u>www.isbe.net/Documents/Late-Options-ACT-2025.pdf</u>
- Contact ISBE with any questions at <u>assessment@isbe.net</u>.



# Spring 2025 Accommodations and EL Supports ACT with Writing: Options after February 7, 2025

#### **Option 1: Qualified Exception to the Deadline**

The Qualified Exception to the Deadline (QED) option applies only if the student's situation satisfies specific criteria and they require the use of accommodations and/or EL supports; scores are eligible to be college reportable.

#### **Option 2: Standard Time Testing**

The Standard Time Testing option applies to any student who will elect not to use accommodations and/or EL supports for which they are eligible; scores are eligible to be college reportable.

#### **Option 3: Non-College Reportable**

The Non-College Reportable (NCR) option applies to all other students who require the use of accommodations and/or EL supports; scores are **not** eligible to be college reportable but will be reported to ISBE for accountability use only. This option requires students to test on **paper**.

Contact information for each option is noted in the <u>document</u>.



# Pre-ID in ISBE's Student Information System (SIS) Paper Accommodations for ACT with Writing

#### **IMPORTANT**

- ACT offers both online and paper versions for most accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech for online and human reader for paper).
- The test format (i.e., online or paper) for ACT with Writing is captured in the student registration file from SIS, not in the approved accommodation from ACT's TAA system.
- Therefore, if the accommodation that was approved for a student for ACT with Writing must be in a paper format, schools must identify this in the SIS Pre-ID file. A screen shot of how to edit this in the SIS Pre-ID is on slide #13 from the December 4, 2024, SIS webinar.
- Contact <u>assessment@isbe.net</u> with any questions.



# **Spring 2025 Accommodations and EL Supports PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure**

- Visit the <u>ACT-hosted website for Illinois</u> to learn details about how to submit accommodations and EL supports for students taking <u>PreACT 9 Secure</u> or <u>PreACT</u> <u>Secure</u>. Staff must add these into ACT Now prior to test day.
- Review the Schedule of Events for PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure for timelines.
- Under "Step 1" view this section:

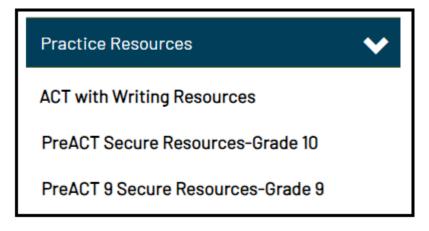
#### Manage Accommodations and English Learner (EL) Supports

- Understanding Accommodations and English Learner (EL) Supports:
  - Accessibility Supports Guide for PreACT Secure Products (web content)
- Assigning Accommodations and English Learner (EL Supports:
  - PreACT Secure Products—Assigning Student Accommodations Quick Start Guide (pdf)
  - PreACT Secure Products—Assigning Student Accommodations (video)
  - Layout Requirements—CSV Format: Accommodations Students File (pdf)
  - Accommodations Students File Template (csv)
- Preparing Students for Testing with Accommodations and English Learner (EL) Supports:
  - ACT Authorized Bilingual Word-to-Word Dictionaries list (pdf)



## **Spring 2025 Practice Resources**

- Visit the <u>ISBE High School Assessment Website</u>
- Open the blue accordion entitled, "Practice Resources"





### Student Creation of a MyACT Account is Optional

- Students may create a MyACT account if they choose to do so in order to receive scores and select up to four free score sends. ISBE is working with ACT to provide screen shots of the limited details students will see when associating a MyACT account to the spring 2025 ISBE-provided administration.
- ACT has created an alternative method by which students may select their four free scores sends <u>after their tests are scored</u>. This method will be available up to 90 days after their test date.
- MyACT Alternate Account Creation Supplement
   Please note: The Score Submission Form referenced in this supplement cannot be used until a student's test has been scored. The link to this form on page 1 will become live before students' tests are scored.

# **Spring 2025 Reporting**

	Timeline for Scores in ACT Online Reporting	Timeline for Scores in Student MyACT Account (optional, if created)	Timeline for Printed Score Reports (mailed to schools)	Scores in ISBE's SIS (no performance levels)
ACT with Writing	Approximately 5-8 weeks after testing, populated on a rolling basis, as ready All data are final no later than June 16, 2025	Approximately 5-8 weeks after testing, populated on a rolling basis, as ready  Note: Students may see their scores 1-2 days before they populate in ACT's Online Reporting system.	Approximately 5-8 weeks after testing, 2 copies are mailed in batches, as ready	Mid-July 2025
PreACT Secure	Initial score release is May 1, 2025. Data will populate on a rolling basis. All data are final no later than May 30, 2025	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mid-July 2025
PreACT 9 Secure	Initial score release is May 7, 2025. Data will populate on a rolling basis. All data are final no later than May 30, 2025	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mid-July 2025

Note: The information in this chart has been updated here since the webinar was recorded on 03/28/2025.



# **Contact Information ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, PreACT 9 Secure**

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ACT with Writing Accommodations Email: <u>ACTStateAccoms@act.org</u>

PreACT Secure Tests Email: preact@act.org

ISBE Phone: 1-866-317-6034

ACT Phone: 1-855-730-0400 (Option 1: ACT with Writing, Option 2: PreACT Secure Tests)

Hours January-May 2025: 6AM-6PM CST

ACT with Writing Accommodations Phone: 1-800-553-6244, option 1788





Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)



## **Test Window**

- The Spring 2025 DLM assessment window is open through May 7.
  - No extensions are given.





## Review Rosters Again

- Review to ensure all students are rostered for ELA and math and, if required, science
  - Science 5th, 8th and 11th graders
  - See <u>Educator Portal User Guide</u> for steps (p. 94)
- ISBE data reviews indicate some students have not been rostered for all required subjects



## **Teacher Can't See Testlets?**

- Security agreement completed in Educator Portal
- Training completed
- Students rostered to teacher
- First Contact Survey completed
  - 24-hour delay
  - Screen refresh
  - Contact Assessments



## Required Annual Training

- Any teacher administering the DLM must complete training, regardless of whether they completed training in prior years.
- Training is located in Kite Educator Portal.



- If a teacher completed training last year but is reflected as "new" in this year's training, reach out to Assessments.
  - Copy of last year's certificate of completion will be needed
- Training can be completed after test window opens
   Access to rostered students will be delayed by 30 minutes.



## **Guidance for Teachers**

- Review <u>Test Administration Manual</u>
- Review student demographic information in Kite
  - Ensure student data are accurate
  - Ensure roster data are accurate
- Record and save chosen supports in Personal Needs and Preferences Profile in Educator Portal
- Complete and submit the First Contact Survey in Educator Portal
- Ensure latest version of Kite Student Portal is installed on testing devices
- Familiarize yourself and students with testlets
  - Access practice activities and released testlets with demo login and
     Practice First option in Student Portal
    - Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets

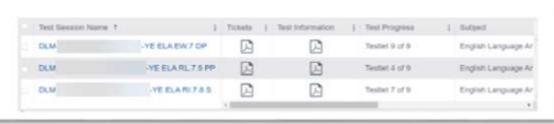
## Guidance for Teachers, cont.

- Access Testlet Information Page (TIP) for first testlet in each subject.
  - Helplet video
  - Gather needed materials before beginning testlet
- Retrieve student's Test Ticket (contains student username and password)
   from Test Management section (Tickets column) in Educator Portal.
- Assess student on first testlet
- As each remaining testlet becomes available, retrieve the TIP, gather materials, and assess student
- Refer to the Test Management column in Educator Portal (on Test Management screen) to confirm that all testlets are complete
  - Student Portal will also show which testlet the student is on in each subject (eg. Testlet 2 of 9)
- Utilize report in Educator Portal to help ensure all testing is complete
  - Reports Data Extracts DLM Test Administration Monitoring
    - Compare Columns U and V



## **Testing Reminders for Success**

- 1. The First Contact Survey must be completed at least 24 hours before testing
- 2. Changes to the Personal Needs and Preferences Profile can take <u>up to 24 hours</u> to refresh
- Gather needed materials identified on the TIP
- 4. After a testlet is administered, the next testlets in the subject area may take <u>up to 15</u> <u>minutes</u> to release.
  - A testlet in another subject area may be administered while waiting
- 5. Close out of Student Portal when finished with a testing session.
- 6. To monitor a student's progress by subject area, select the Test Management screen in Educator Portal. The Test Progress column indicates the number of testlets being administered and the total number of testlets available for each grade and subject area.





## **How to Handle "No Response"**

- All testlets at the lowest linkage levels and a few teacheradministered testlets at higher linkage levels have the "no response" option.
  - Not all testlets include "no response" as an option
- If the student does not answer and "no response" is not an option, the teacher should leave the question unanswered.
- Whether answered with "no response" or left unanswered, the question will be scored as incorrect.



### **Red Lock Screen**



- If a teacher experiences a locked screen while in Kite Student Portal, they need to call DLM support for assistance.
  - DLM will provide a password to unlock the screen.
- Appears on Macs when Student Portal is not closed correctly, or the machine is shut down while Student Portal is still open.

Kite Service Desk number is 1-855-277-9751.



### **Field Test Testlets**

- After a student completes all required operational testlets in a subject, the student may receive zero or one field test testlet in each subject in which the student is rostered.
- The linkage level of the field test testlet may be one linkage level below, one above, or the same as the student's operational testlets.
- The naming convention for field test testlets always begins with FT SP.
- Field test testlet results are *not factored* into the Individual Student Score Reports.
- Field test items are required for completion.



## **Established Testing Hours**

- To continue to ensure district staff are adhering to the secure testing environment, students should be completing testlets during the established testing hours
  - Testing hours for the Spring 2025 administration of the DLM-AA are 7:00AM-4:00PM





## **Test Administration Monitoring Extract**

- Test coordinators can monitor for all students' progress toward meeting all blueprints requirements
- A student will not appear on the extract if they are not rostered for at least one subject.
- Three main sections
  - Instructional Number of Testlets
    - Relates to any testlets administered using the Instruction and Assessment Planner Tool
  - End-of-Year Number of Testlets
    - Relates to number of testlets administered during required spring window
  - Field Test Number of Testlets
    - Relates to number of field test testlets administered during required spring window
    - Either 1 or 0 testlets are available



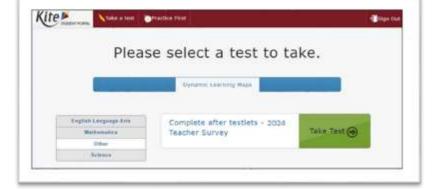
## **Spring Teacher Survey**

- A teacher survey is available in Kite Student Portal
  - The purpose of the survey is to collect evidence on the quality of the assessment system and gather feedback on teachers' and students' experiences with DLM assessments

After the first time the student signs in to Student Portal, the survey

becomes available.

- Located under the Other tab
- Best practice is for the student to first complete testing then for the teacher to complete the survey questions.
- Survey has 3 blocks of items
- Test coordinators can review the survey questions by contacting the Assessments department.



#### **Contact Information**

**ISBE Website Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment** 

**DLM Website Illinois DLM** 

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## Kindergarten TA Script for Low Vison

The Kindergarten ACCESS pilot test revealed a need for the test to be more accessible for test takers with low vision.

- WIDA plans to provide a low vision TA script as an accommodation for students identified with this need.
- It was approved by the WIDA Executive Committee December 2024.
- It will provide item-by-item guidance to TAs on how to administer the K
   ACCESS assessment to students with low vision.
- It will include adapted images and answer choice cards for students that allows them to focus on the salient features of the graphic.
- It can be used in with either the general or large print test booklets.
- It is coming to the Operational Kindergarten ACCESS Administration in 2025-26.

## **Upcoming WIDA Webinar**

#### Strategies for supporting multilingual newcomers

Tuesday, April 1st from 11 to 12:15 CT

During this webinar, WIDA will:





 Participate in goal setting for future programming with newcomers and their families in mind





### **WIDA Annual Conference 2025**

New information is now available on the WIDA Annual Conference website including a program overview, registration rates, details on the virtual track option, and more.

Registration opens on May 5! A Teacher Appreciation Week rate is available May 5-11.





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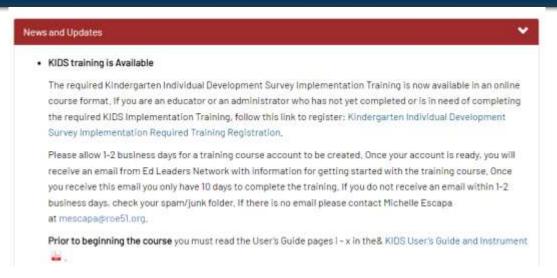
Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)



#### Successful **Employment Required Training KIDStech Sign-Position Code** Log-In On All users must The user's The user will If all steps are have completed employment need to sign-in the required KIDS completed, the training. The position code to KIDStech user will be training must be must be added to with their included on your able to log-in to **ELIS** account. school email the **Employment** KIDStech with Information address using no issues. If you had System in IWAS. either Google or completed the training previously, Microsoft. please provide the evidence of completion document to have the training added to your ELIS account.



## **KIDS Required Training**



- The registration link for KIDS training is available on the KIDS webpage under "News and Updates."
- If you are a new kindergarten teacher, a kindergarten teacher who has not completed the training before, or an administrator needing access to KIDStech, then you will need to complete the training.



#### **KIDS Coaches**

- Coaches provide professional development to districts requesting support.
- For questions regarding professional opportunities with KIDS coaches, contact Michelle Escapa via email at mescapa@roe51.org.
- Use the KIDS Coach contact Map to view the KIDS coach assigned to your district.
- Hover your mouse over your region, and the KIDS coach contact information will appear.





#### **Contact Information**

**ISBE KIDS Website** 

KIDS Questions? Please send them to the email address below:

Email: assessment@isbe.net

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# **Upcoming Assessment Update Webinars**



## **Webinar Dates/Times**

Webinar Date	Webinar Time
Friday, April 4, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, April 11, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, April 18, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, April 25, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM

Registration links for upcoming webinars and archived recordings and PDF presentations of past webinars are available on the <a href="Assessment Communications webpage">Assessment Communications webpage</a> under "Presentations and Webinars."



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# Thank You

Next Webinar: April 4, 2025 10-11 am

