

ISBE Student Assessment Update

Illinois State Board of Education
April 18, 2025



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General Updates

- To register for upcoming Assessment Update Webinars, open the blue "Presentations and Webinars" accordion on the [Communications webpage](#), and click on the "Registration" link.
- All Assessment Update Webinars are recorded and posted, along with the presentation slide deck, on the ["Presentations and Webinars Archive"](#) page.



Spring 2026 Proposed Test Event Dates for ACT with Writing

- For the 2026 Spring testing window, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is seeking input from districts to help determine the three Test Event dates for ACT with Writing.
- The survey link was sent via email to Superintendents and High School Test Coordinators, as indicated in ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS).
- Each district may submit one response, ranking their preferred Test Event dates choices in order of preference.
- The survey must be completed by Thursday, **April 24, 2025**.



Assessment Security Monitoring Survey

- The survey was sent 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 assessment@isbe.net.
- Survey is due **June 30, 2025**.

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 [Better Systems for Better Outcomes Webpage](#).
- [Assessment & Accountability Listening Tour Flyer](#)
Events began February 3. Review the flyer for upcoming locations around Illinois.



(ISA)

ISA Testing Information

The ISA testing window will be open through Wednesday, April 30.

Pearson Customer Support

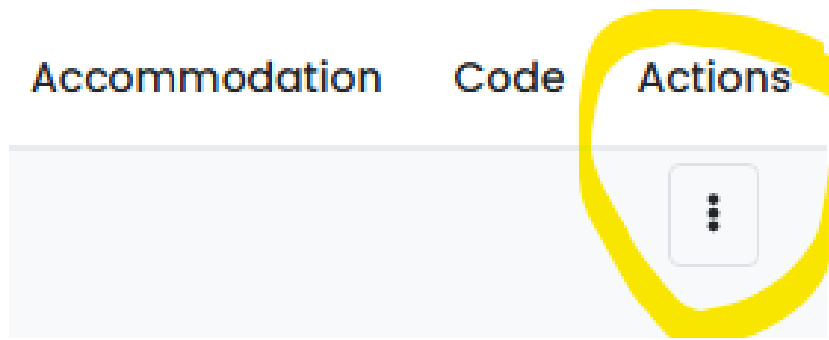
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Monday-Friday: 6:30am - 6pm

- [Pearson Support Page](#)
- [Platform Practice Items](#)
- [Student Readiness Tool](#)

Irregularity Reports / Accountability Codes

- Please be sure to submit any [Test Irregularity or Security Breach](#) forms through the [send ISBE a file](#) secure portal.
- Districts can enter accountability codes into the Illinois Administrative Platform. Accountability codes can be entered by selecting the student actions kebab and selecting the needed code from the dropdown menu. These codes identify students with a reason for no valid test attempt.



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**

Program Delivery Team Office Hours

Use this calendar to set-up time with the Pearson Staff to address questions on the following:

- How to register students (examples may include: setup test, adding accommodation, etc)
- How to create, prepare, and start sessions.
- How to print out Student Test Tickets.
- How to order Additional Materials.

⚠ Note: During live testing, please call **Illinois Customer Support** for immediate assistance.

Schedule

QuISBE Office Hours

Use this calendar to set-up time with the QuISBE staff.

Schedule

Contact Information

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ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS (IAR)

Illinois Assessment of Readiness

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 – CLOSED March 3 – TODAY!
Deadline to return computer-based scorable and nonscorable materials back to Pearson (Accommodated materials that were transcribed into TestNav.)	April 25, 2025

Illinois Assessment of Readiness

IRREGULARITY REPORTS

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.

Form to Report Testing Irregularity or Security Breach

Note: 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.

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CLOSING OUT TESTING

With the close of the **computer testing window**, the test coordinator must do the following:

- ✓ Destroy scratch paper written on by students and IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets written on by students.
- ✓ Destroy all printed student test tickets, rosters with TestNav username and passwords, any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information.
- ✓ Recycle Test Administration and Proctoring Manuals, blank or unused scratch paper, and unused IAR-supplied mathematics reference sheets.

IAR/ISA Computer-Based & Paper-Based Test Coordinator Manual

pp. 35-45 Paper Return Instructions

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CLOSING OUT TESTING

- **SUBMIT BUTTON**-Pearson will submit ALL tests at the end of the testing window.
- **Apply RNVTA Codes**-For students not participating in testing due to being homebound, hospitalization, etc. [Accountability Codes Guidance](#)
- **Testing Documentation**-Please maintain a copy of all 2025 testing documentation for 3 years.
 - Digital and Signed IAR security agreements
(Digital--Go to Test Management, then Administrations, >>Proctor Groups, then Export, >>Download the document and then just use the sorting feature to organize the log ins by organization.)
 - Chain-of-Custody forms
 - Emergency Accommodation Requests forms, if applicable
 - Testing Irregularity forms (also submitted to ISBE)
 - Post Test Certification Form
 - Student Accommodation Refusals, if applicable
 - Unique Accommodation Requests, if applicable
 - RNVTA documentation (medically exempt, student refusals, etc.)
 - IEP, 504, EL documentation (student portfolios or permanent files)

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**Thank you everyone for all of
your hard work!**



Contact Information

ISBE Website [Illinois Assessment of Readiness](#)

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Pearson Support Phone: 1-833-213-3879

Pearson Support Site: il.mypearsonsupport.com



ACT with Writing (grade 11 and 12 as required)

PreACT Secure (grade 10)

PreACT 9 Secure (grade 9)

High School Assessment Website

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

ASSESSMENT

High School Assessment (ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, PreACT 9 Secure)

RESOURCES

- 2024-25 State Assessment Dates (Updated 01/06/2025) 📅
- ACT Communications Index (Emails & Webinars) (Updated 04/14/2025) 📅
- ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID Guidance (Updated 03/31/2025) 📅
- Grade 12 ACT and DLM-AA: Who must test? (Updated 10/01/2024) 📅
- Reason for No Valid Test Attempt (IAR, ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, PreACT 9 Secure, ISA, and DLM-AA) 📅

ASSESSMENT

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (ACT WITH WRITING, PREACT SECURE, PREACT 9 SECURE)

ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, PreACT 9 Secure

The procurement process for the high school accountability assessment has concluded. As the result, Illinois will transition to the ACT, beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Students in grade 11, and grade 12 as required 📅, will participate in the ACT with Writing which includes tests in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing. Students in grade 9 will participate in the PreACT 9 Secure and those in grade 10 will participate in the PreACT Secure, each of which includes tests in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. School staff will administer these assessments online. Accommodations and EL supports are available. Scores from the administration of the ACT with Writing (if taken with ACT Standard Time or ACT-approved accommodations) can be used by students for a variety of purposes including college admission, scholarships, and NCAA eligibility.

Check back often as new information will be added as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

- ACT-Hosted Website for Illinois
- Participation Status for Invited Schools 📅 (Updated 04/15/2025)
- Schedule of Events (SOE) for ACT with Writing
- Schedule of Events (SOE) for PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure

MyACT Account Flyer 📅

Creating a MyACT account is **optional** for students. This flyer will be mailed to schools along with copies of *Taking the ACT Test* 📅.

- *Taking the ACT Test* (Spanish version) 📅

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 "Student Code" needed to use the [score submission form](#) is accessible from [ACT Now](#). Open the "Students" section and click the "Reports" tab. Then generate "Student Non-test information."

Spring 2025 ACT Updates

- Steps to "Re-register" a Student Test 📅
- Steps to "Resume" a Student Test 📅
- April 11, 2025, 4:34 PM email from ACT State Testing Regarding Options to Complete Accountability Assessment 📅
- April 8, 2025, 3:15 PM email from ACT State Testing Regarding Completing the April 8 test event 📅
- April 8, 2025, 10:28 AM email from ACT State Testing Regarding Logging in to TCM 📅

April 11 Email – 4:34PM

- Options to Complete Accountability Testing
- Options for Additional ACT with Writing Attempts

April 8 Email - 10:38AM

- Detailed directions for those impacted by the disruption

April 8 Email - 3:15PM

- Options to address April 8 disruption
- PreACT Secure/PreACT 9 Secure Test Event 2 extension



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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	Update: Monday, April 7, 2025
Update: Friday, February 14, 2025	Update: Friday, April 18, 2025****
Update: Friday, March 7, 2025	Update: Monday, April 21, 2025

- ****ACT has requested that ISBE send one **final 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:
www.isbe.net/Documents/ACT-PreACT-PreID-2025.pdf.

Student Mobility During Testing

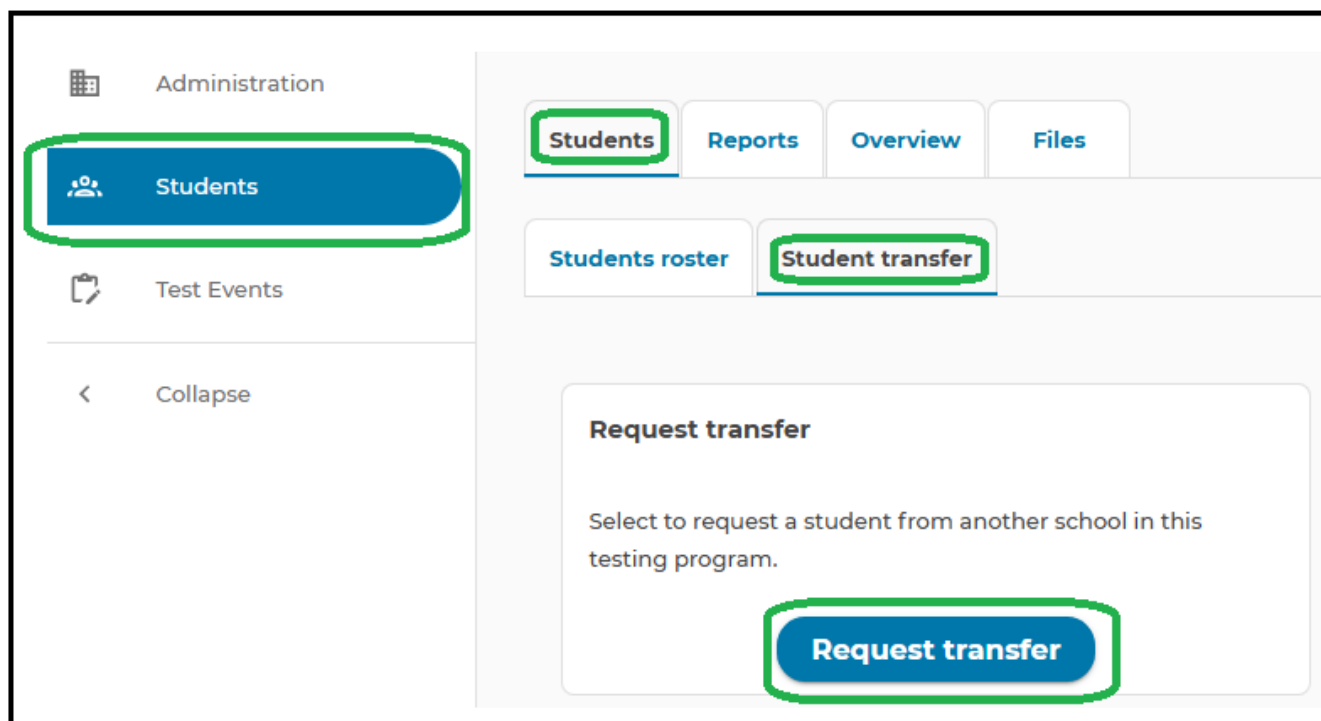
1. Add the new student's enrollment in SIS.
2. Edit the new student's Testing RCDTS, as needed, in SIS Pre-ID.

Note: If the student's previous school has not yet exited them from SIS, proceed to step #3 below and let SIS "catch up" as soon as possible.

3. Find the student in ACT Now using the "Student Transfer" functionality.
4. If a "Student Transfer" search does not find the student in ACT Now, manually enroll the new student directly in ACT Now.
5. Add a Test Event to the student in ACT Now.

"Student Transfer" in ACT Now

- Use the "Student Transfer" tab in ACT Now to request that a student in ACT Now be transferred to your school.



"Student Transfer" in ACT Now

Student Found!

Request transfer

State Student ID: 123456789, Last name: SAMPLE, Date of Birth: 05/13/2008

SAMPLE, STUDENT

State Student ID: 123456789
Grade: 11
Date of birth: 05/13/2008
Current school: Sample High School
Current district: Sample District

Add extra notes + contact info (Optional)

0 of 250 characters

Cancel Send request

Student Not Found!

Request transfer

State Student ID: 987654321, Last name: Waldo, Date of Birth: 04/04/2000

There are no results based on your search criteria

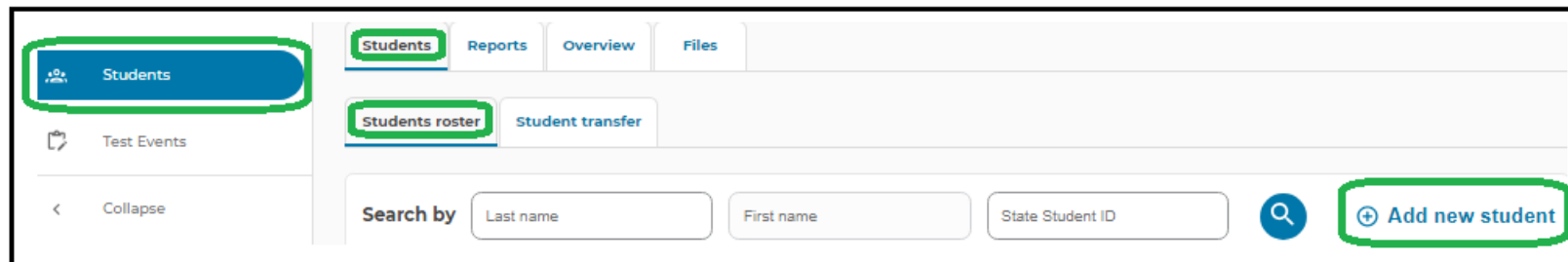
NEXT STEP

Student Found: Contact current school to "Approve" the transfer.

Student Not Found: Add student directly in ACT Now.

"Add New Student" Directly in ACT Now

- If a "Student Transfer" search does not find your new student(s) in ACT Now, manually add your student(s) directly.
- Staff with the User Role **District Test Coordinator** or **School Test Coordinator** may manually add student(s) into ACT Now.
- Reminder: Be sure the SIS enrollment record is updated as soon as possible so scores will match correctly.



The screenshot displays the ACT Now web application interface. On the left sidebar, the 'Students' menu item is highlighted with a green box. The main content area has a top navigation bar with 'Students', 'Reports', 'Overview', and 'Files'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Students roster' (highlighted with a green box) and 'Student transfer'. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a search section with the text 'Search by' followed by three input fields: 'Last name', 'First name', and 'State Student ID'. To the right of these fields is a magnifying glass icon and a button labeled '+ Add new student', which is also highlighted with a green box.

Assign Test Event to Student in ACT Now

- 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**.
- This step is necessary for students who are transferred or newly added.**
- Use the filter in **ACT Now** to find any students not assigned to a "Test Event."

ACT Now ACT TCM Students will not flow into TCM until a Test Event is assigned. The ACT State

Home Contract Administration **Students** Test Events Collapse

Sample School (123456789000001)

Students Reports Overview Files

Students roster Student transfer

Search by Last name First name State Student ID

9 results 9 selected Event assignment

Filters Clear Hide

Event assignment

Not assigned

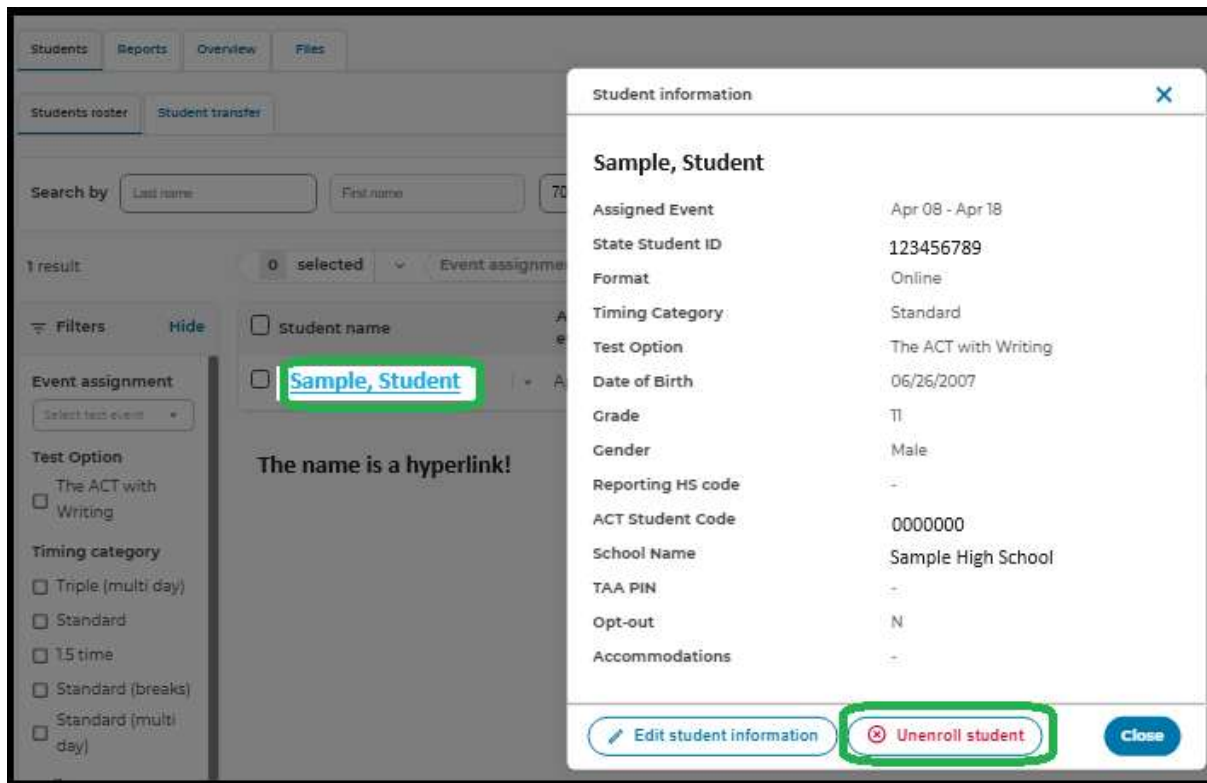
Student name	Assigned event
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample, Student 1	Not assigned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample, Student 2	Not assigned

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

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

The screenshot shows the 'Register Students' dialog box in the ACT Now system. On the left, a table lists students with columns for 'Student name' and 'Assigned event'. One student is selected, and the 'Event assignment' dropdown is highlighted with a green circle. The dialog box on the right shows '1 Student(s) selected' and a 'Select Test Event' section with four radio button options: 'Un-assign', 'Apr 08 - Apr 18', 'Apr 22 - May 02', and 'Will not test'. The 'Will not test' option is selected and highlighted with a green circle. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box, also highlighted with a green circle.

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



ACT with Writing (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.

www.isbe.net/Documents/State-Assessment-Dates-2024-25.pdf

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

Reading

Time: 35 minutes

of Items: 40

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



- Argumentative writing
- [ACT Writing Scoring Rubric](#)

****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.

New: Due to the testing disruption that occurred on April 8, ACT is extending Test Event 2 to end on April 25. Students who are assigned to Test Event 2 and need to complete testing or begin testing for a make-up will **not** need to be reassigned to Test Event 3. Students who are currently assigned to Test Event 3 should remain assigned to Test Event 3. Any students who are currently unassigned should be assigned to Test Event 3.

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
- Integrating Essential Skills
- Modeling

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

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:
<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/secured/documents/ACT-SD-Tech-Guide-for-Online-Testing.pdf>
- Technical Readiness Webinar: [View On Demand Version](#)

Spring 2025 Training Webinars

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

All past webinars are now available for On Demand viewing on the ISBE high school webpage: www.isbe.net/Pages/HS-Assessment.aspx.

ACT Office Hours

- **General Accommodations Office Hours** (not state-specific).
All dates that were offered are now available [on demand](#).
- **Illinois ACT State Testing Office Hours**
[Register](#) if you have questions about ACT assessments for spring 2025.

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

NEW!

ACT Data Office Hours
Schedule time with
Dr. Bryan Williams
[Register Now!](#)



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 not require ACT authorization**.

Important Note about Designated Supports

- ACT accommodations 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 with Writing.
- 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: 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**.

Details for each option are provided in this [document](#).

Spring 2025 Accommodations and EL Supports

PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure

- Visit the [ACT-hosted website for Illinois](#) to learn details about how to submit accommodations and EL supports for students taking [PreACT 9 Secure](#) or [PreACT Secure](#). 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 \(pdf\)](#)

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 after their tests are scored. 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 <i>Note: Students may see their scores 1-2 days before they populate in ACT's Online Reporting system.</i>	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	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>	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	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>	Mid-July 2025

ACT sincerely apologizes for the miscommunication provided to ISBE and shared via previous assessment update webinars indicating that scores for the PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure would be available 10 business days after testing. The PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure assessments must undergo an equating process before scores can be released.



Spring 2025 Reporting

- Visit Step 3: Post-Administration on the ACT-hosted website for Illinois to learn details about score reporting.



- Score report resources, including templates in English and other languages are available.
- Links to each assessment:
 - [ACT with Writing](#)
 - [PreACT Secure](#)
 - [PreACT 9 Secure](#)



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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

Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)

Test Window

- 2 ½ weeks remaining
 - Open through May 7, 2025
- Students should be added to Educator Portal by April 23
 - Ensures sufficient time for test preparations and test administration
 - Do not add students to Educator Portal; contact Assessments for assistance



Monitor Testing Progress

- Test Administration Monitoring Extract
 - Individual student details about testlet completion
 - Details found in [Educator Portal User Guide](#), page 101
- Monitoring Summary Report
 - Overall progress by district and grade level
 - View onscreen or download and save as a PDF
 - Not available to teachers
 - Details found in [Educator Portal User Guide](#), p. 81

DLM Test Administration Monitoring Summary									
District Name	Grade	Subject	Instructionally Embedded Number of Rostered Students				Year End Number of Rostered Students		
			No Plans Created	Plans Created; No Testlets Taken	Only One Testlet Completed	More Than One Testlet Completed	No Testlets Taken	Testing in Progress	All Required Testlets Completed
District 1	3	English Language Arts	9	0	0	0	0	3	6
District 1	3	Mathematics	9	0	0	0	1	2	6
District 1	4	English Language Arts	14	0	0	0	0	5	9
District 1	4	Mathematics	14	0	0	0	0	5	9
District 1	5	English Language Arts	10	0	0	0	0	3	7
District 1	5	Mathematics	10	0	0	0	1	2	7
District 1	5	Science	10	0	0	0	1	2	7

Homebound Students

- Homebound students will not test
 - Students must test in person, at school
- The student can be left as a student in Kite
- Districts who have a homebound student who did not test will enter an RNVTA 02 during the correction window.
 - This code excludes the student from participation and proficiency calculations.



How to Handle Transfers in Kite

- Student recently transferred in?
 - Contact Pam Hartwig so student's Kite enrollment can be transferred to your organization
 - Ensures no disruption to already-completed testlets
 - Roster to teacher for testing
- Student recently transferred out?
 - New district must contact ISBE to ensure the student is transferred in Kite
 - Former district doesn't do anything further, even if testing was begun
- Internal transfers can be completed by district test coordinator
 - May reach out to Pam Hartwig for assistance



Need to Re-Roster Students?

- Students can be moved to a different teacher's roster, even if testing has already begun
- See the section, "Change Roster Data or Remove Data," in the Data Management Manual (page 151)
- If student needs to be moved outside of your organization, contact [Pam Hartwig](#) for assistance



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.
- This only 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.

Established Testing Hours

- Students must be completing testlets during the established testing hours
 - Ensures adherence to secure testing environment
- Testing hours for the Spring 2025 administration of the DLM-AA are Monday through Friday, 7:00AM-4:00PM
- Students must test in person at school



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.

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WIDA™/ACCESS

Kindergarten ACCESS Training

WIDA will provide a new form for the Kindergarten ACCESS in SY2026.

The current training in the WIDA Secure Portal for the summative Kindergarten ACCESS is now obsolete and will be removed on April 30. An updated training module for Kindergarten ACCESS will go live on **September 29, 2025**.



WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Screener Speaking Scoring Training

Beginning with the 2025-2026 testing cycle “ACCESS for ELLs” will become “WIDA ACCESS”. It will incorporate the WIDA ELD Standards Framework, 2020 Edition, and have a new Speaking Scoring Rubric. WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille, though, will continue using the current Speaking Scoring Scale.

Because the speaking scoring will differ among tests, the training courses will be separated.

2025-2026 Speaking scoring courses:

- Available July 1
 - Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille
 - Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille
- Available September 1
 - Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper
 - Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper



Engaging Multilingual Learners in Social Studies Classrooms

Teaching and learning social studies provides a unique opportunity for multilingual learners to make connections between their global citizenship, academic learning, and their roles across communities. Read the article on [engaging multilingual learners in social studies classrooms](#) to learn how inquiry, storytelling, and multimodal resources can build bridges between language, culture, and content learning, and encourage authentic engagement during social studies class.



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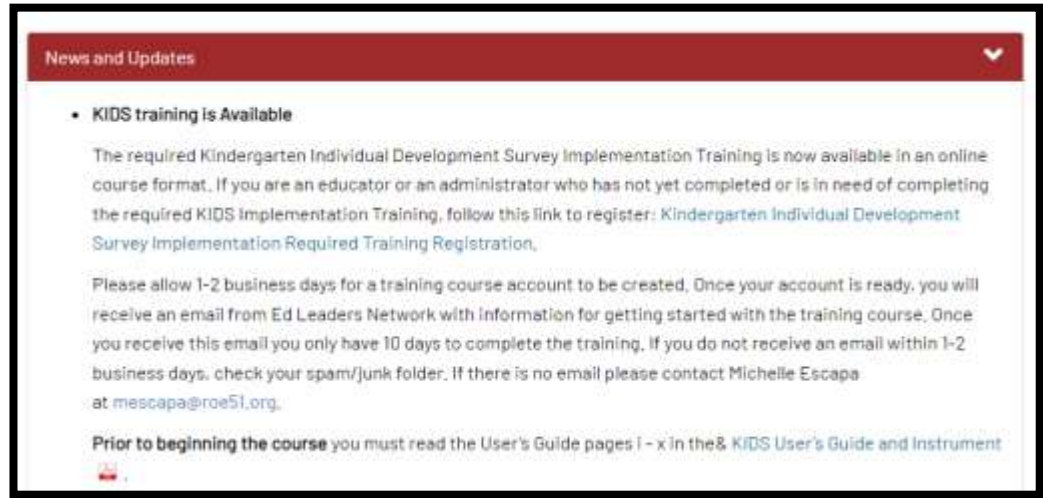
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KINDERGARTEN INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

KIDS Required Online Training

- The registration link for KIDS training is available on the [KIDS webpage](#) under **"News and Updates."**



- To complete the online registration; hover over and click [Kindergarten Individual Development Survey Implementation Required Training](#)
- We encourage principals and administrators to complete the KIDS training to support Kindergarten teachers.

Who Needs to Complete KIDS Training?

New kindergarten teachers

Kindergarten teachers who have not completed KIDS training

Administrators needing access to KIDStech

Once the KIDS training is complete, it will be added to your ELIS account

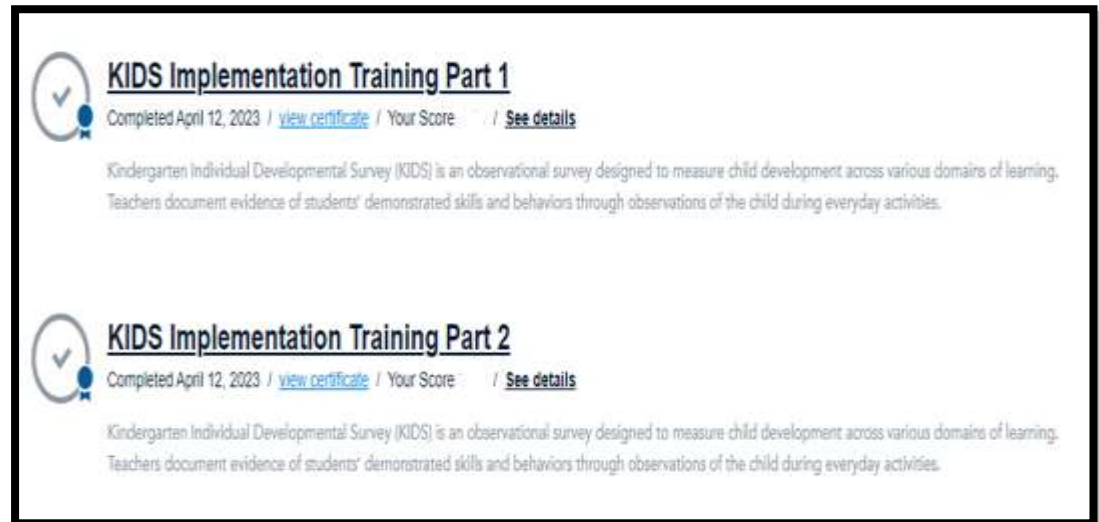
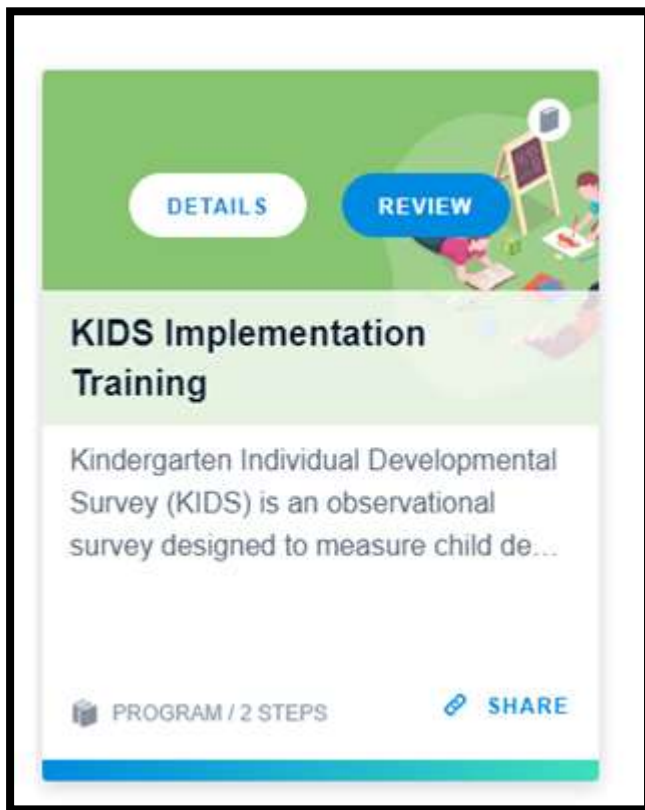
Please allow 1-2 business days for a training course account to be created. Once your account is activated, you will receive an email from Ed Leaders Network with login information. Once you receive this email you have only 10 days to complete the training.

If you do not receive an email within 1-2 business days, check your spam/junk folder. If there is no email, please contact Michelle Escapa at mescapa@roe51.org.

For those who have previously completed the KIDS training, please provide both certificates (Parts 1 and 2) as evidence of completion, so the training can be properly recorded in your ELIS account.

KIDS Implementation Training

- KIDS training is a self-paced online course that has **two parts**.
- You must have a smart score of 85% on both parts.



KIDS Training: Completion & Documentation Guidelines

- Staff can prepare for the fall rating period now. The KIDS training earns 6 CPDUs and must be completed only once.
- A minimum score of 85% is required on both parts.
- Please retain a copy of BOTH certificates of completion for your records.



You must complete both parts!

KIDS Coaches

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Contact KIDS & Explore More Information

ISBE KIDS Website KIDS: Every Illinois Child Ready for Kindergarten

URL: Website <https://www.ISBE.net/kids>

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

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Upcoming Assessment Update Webinars

Webinar Dates/Times

Webinar Date	Webinar Time
Friday, April 25, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, May 9, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, May 23, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, June 6, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM
Friday, June 20, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM

Registration links for upcoming webinars and archived recordings and PDF presentations of past webinars are available on the [Assessment Communications webpage](#) under "Presentations and Webinars."

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Thank You

Next Webinar:
April 25, 2025
10-11 am