ISBE Student Assessment Update

Illinois State Board of Education

September 26, 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.



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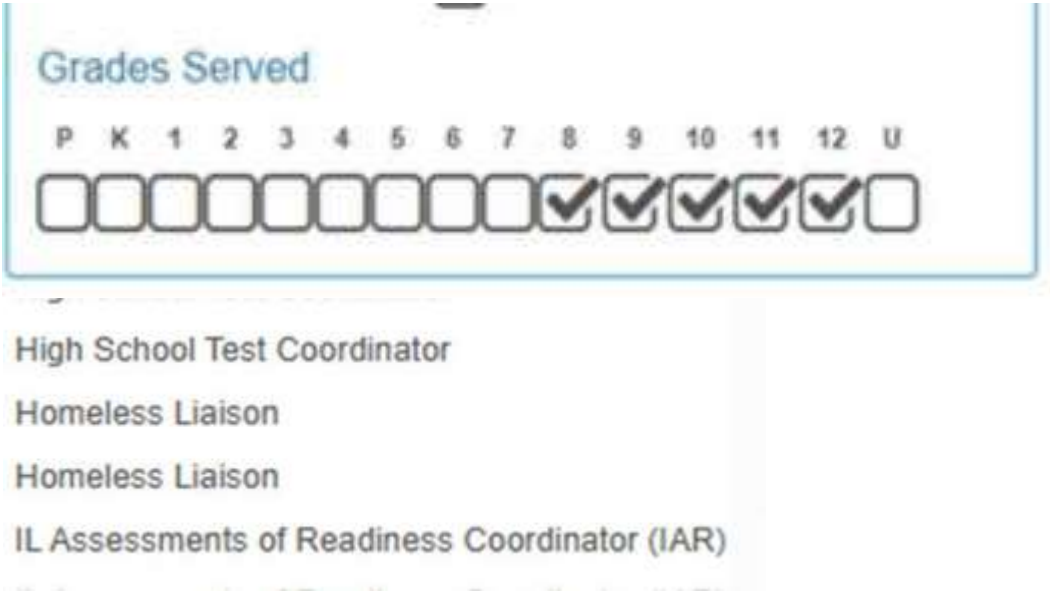
ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS)

- ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS) serves as the directory for Illinois schools and districts.
- Most IWAS systems are populated with information from EPS and used for important notifications, updates, due dates, etc. Therefore, it is essential that your district/school information stay updated for key personnel like superintendents, principals, assessment coordinators, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

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ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS)

- As the 2025-26 school year begins, please make sure all data stored in ISBE's EPS are accurate and up to date. This includes grade levels served and testing coordinators.



•May 1, 2025: 2026 Entity Profile System Webinar

- •Webinar
- •Presentation
- •Q&A

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2026 ISA General Information

- The 2026 ISA testing window for grades 5 & 8 will be March 2nd – April 30th.
- The test blueprint will be the same as previous years (3- sections / 32 questions each section)
- ***New this year...There will be a 90-minute time-limit for each section of the exam.**
  (This time-limit is per section not for the entire exam)
- Test-Nav interaction practice items and the Student Readiness Tool are available now on the Pearson support page.
- Link to Pearson Support Page

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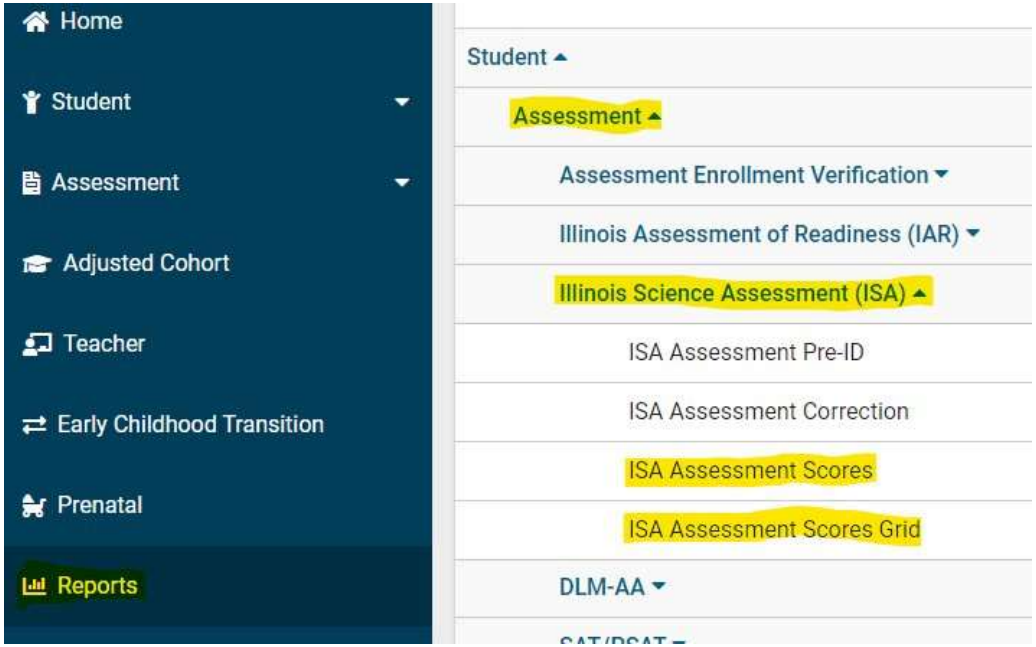
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- UPDATED: TestNav - Review and Prepare for 2025-26 School Year
- TestNav - NEW Chromebook Support for SY 2025-26

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2025 ISA Score File

- The 2025 ISA scale scores are available in SIS under the Reports tab.



- 2025 ISA performance level descriptors and cut-scores are now available on the ISBE Assessments webpage.
- Link to PLDs / Cut-Scores

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ISA Key Data Release Dates

ISA 2025 Data Release Key Dates:

Available in Testing Platform: • Electronic ISRs • District Summary of Schools • School Student Roster • Performance Level Summary Reports	**Anticipated 10/13/25**
Family Portal Videos	**Anticipated 10/31/25**
Content Standards Roster & Data File Evidence Statement Analysis & Data File available in platform	**Available Now!**
Hard-Copy ISRs delivered to districts	**Week of 11/10/25**

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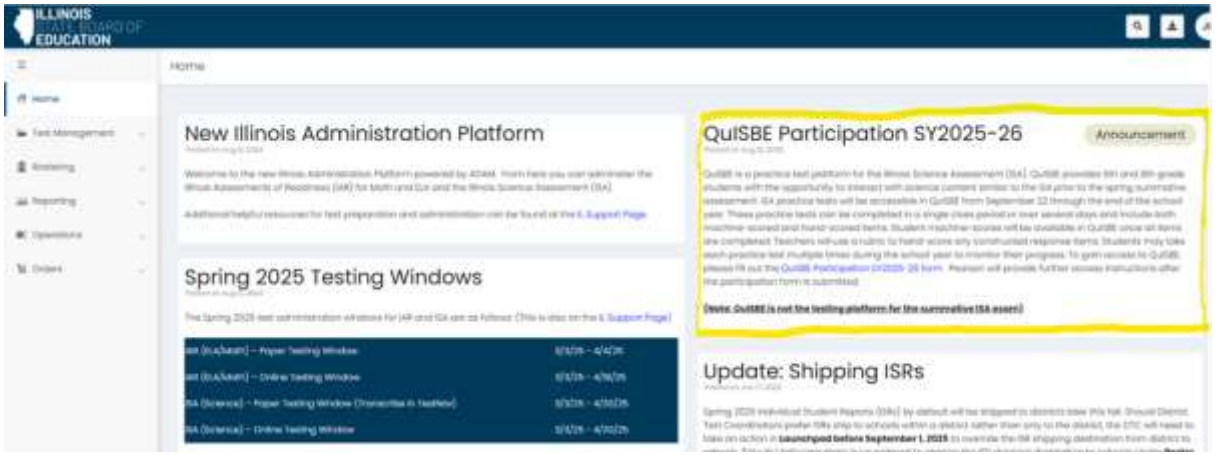
QuISBE ISA Practice Exam Platform

- QuISBE is a practice exam platform for the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). QuISBE will provide 5th and 8th grade students with practice exam items similar to the ISA summative assessment. ISA practice exams are accessible in QuISBE through the end of the school year. These practice exams include both machine-scored and hand-scored items. Student data from machine-scored items will be available in QuISBE once machine-scorable items are completed. Teachers will use a rubric to hand-score any constructed response items. Students may take each practice exam multiple times during the school year to monitor their progress.

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QuISBE - Practice Exam Platform

- Registration for QuISBE is now open on the Illinois Administrative Platform (ADAM).



- To gain access to the QuISBE platform, you must first fill out the QuISBE Participation SY2025-26 form to register.
- Pearson will provide further access instructions after the participation form is submitted.

Note: QuISBE is not the testing platform for the summative ISA exam

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ISA Professional Learning Workshop

2025 – IAR/ISA Professional Learning Workshop

- Illinois educators recently worked together to develop new Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) aligned to our state assessment for science. These PLDs were used during a summer standard-setting process to update achievement expectations and establish new cut scores for ISA students in grades 5 and 8.

- Join us for an interactive professional learning workshop where we will explain the PLD updates, explore what they mean for bridging assessment results to the classroom, and show how PLDs can be used as a powerful tool for supporting the use of assessment data to better inform teaching and learning.

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ISA Professional Learning Workshop

Through guided discussion and hands-on activities, participants will examine how PLDs can:

- Clarify what students at each performance level know and can do.
- Highlight student strengths and areas of need in your classroom.
- Integrate state assessment data and classroom evidence to inform instruction.
- Strengthen communication with families about student progress.

To maximize impact, districts and schools are encouraged to send 2-3 educators who are not only eager to learn but also well-positioned to share their learning with colleagues on how PLDs can inform practice across classrooms. Participants will leave with strategies that support stronger instruction, clearer expectations, and student growth.

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ISA Professional Learning Workshop

There will be multiple locations offered, but materials presented will be the same across all sessions.

ISA Professional Learning Workshop Dates and Locations:

- November 4th - Carterville, IL
- November 5th - St. Clair, IL
- November 6th - Champaign, IL
- November 17th - Peoria, IL
- November 19th - Dixon, IL
- November 20th - Chicago Heights, IL

- Registration Link for ISA Professional Learning Workshops

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REPORTING KEY DATES

(Reporting dates subject to change)

Content Standards Roster & Data File Evidence Statement Analysis & Data File	**Available Now in Platform!**
Electronic ISRs Platform Rollover-2025/2026 Enrollment	**Available Now in Platform!**
Will be Available in Testing Platform: • District Summary of Schools • School Student Roster • Performance Level Summary Reports	**Will be Delivered Early! Available Soon in Platform!**
Hard-Copy ISRs delivered to districts Family Portal Videos	**Anticipated 10/10/25**
2026 IAR Testing Window: • Online • Paper	**3/2/26-4/17/26** **3/2/26-4/3/26**

IAR Reporting

REPORT GUIDES

Updated for 2025

The static spreadsheets and pdf reports are located under the Report Assets tab in the Illinois Administration Platform.

- IAR Score Interpretation Guide
- IAR PLS_ESR_CSR Interpretation Guide
- Accessing PAN Reports in IL Admin Platform Guide

To navigate the dynamic reports available in the platform:

- Navigating Preliminary Student Reports

Family Portal – Coming Soon!

Parent Score Interpretation Guide (English) - Updated August 2025

Additional languages will be posted soon!

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ACCESS & USERS IN THE PLATFORM

District and School Test Coordinators now have the ability to create new users with the same or lower level access for the 2025/2026 school year.

User Roles in the Illinois Administration Platform

- District Test Coordinator
- School Test Coordinator
- Technology Coordinator
- Report Access

Two available options to create user roles:

- Manually
- Upload a user file

Creating Users Training Video

Creating Users PDF

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2025 IAR/ISA PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOP

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You are encouraged to send 2-3 educators who are not only eager to learn but also well-positioned to share their learning with colleagues, helping build a common understanding of how PLDs can inform practice across classrooms.

Select the "Register Now" button to choose the session you would like to attend:

• Nov. 4 - Carterville, IL • Nov. 5 - St. Clair, IL • Nov. 6 - Champaign, IL	• Nov. 17 - Peoria, IL • Nov. 19 - Dixon, IL • Nov. 20 - Chicago Heights, IL

REGISTER NOW!

To attend Region 5, St. Clair on Nov. 5, click below:

REGION 5 REGISTRATION

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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE FOR 2026

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For any questions, please call Pearson customer support at 833-213-3879.

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Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)

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Educator Portal User Accounts

- Building and district test coordinators – Be sure to update user accounts in Kite Educator Portal.
  - Inactivate former employees
  - Update last names and email addresses as appropriate
  - The option to add a user's phone number is



- If you have a new teacher who has previously administered the DLM in a different district, contact ISBE Assessments for assistance.
  - The existing account will need to be transferred
    - This ensures all prior training records remain intact
    - Prevents the teacher from having to start training as a new user

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Training Tips

- Ensure user is accessing training through Kite Educator Portal.
- If user just activated their Educator Portal user account, they must wait 30 minutes before accessing training.
- Agree to Security Agreement
- Complete training modules
  - Recommend completing now but should be completed at least 1 month before test window opens in March 2026
- Print or save a copy of the certificate of completion
  - Retain until training is completed the next school year.
- Refer to the Guide to Required Test Administrator Training as needed

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Instruction Embedded Assessment: Things to Know

- Instructionally embedded assessment window is open September 8, 2025 – February 20, 2026.
  - Closed December 20, 2025 - January 4, 2026.
- Teachers must complete training before being able to access the instruction and assessment planner.
- Contact ISBE Assessments with list of student SIS ID's to be tested.
  - Teacher can instruct and assess a single student.

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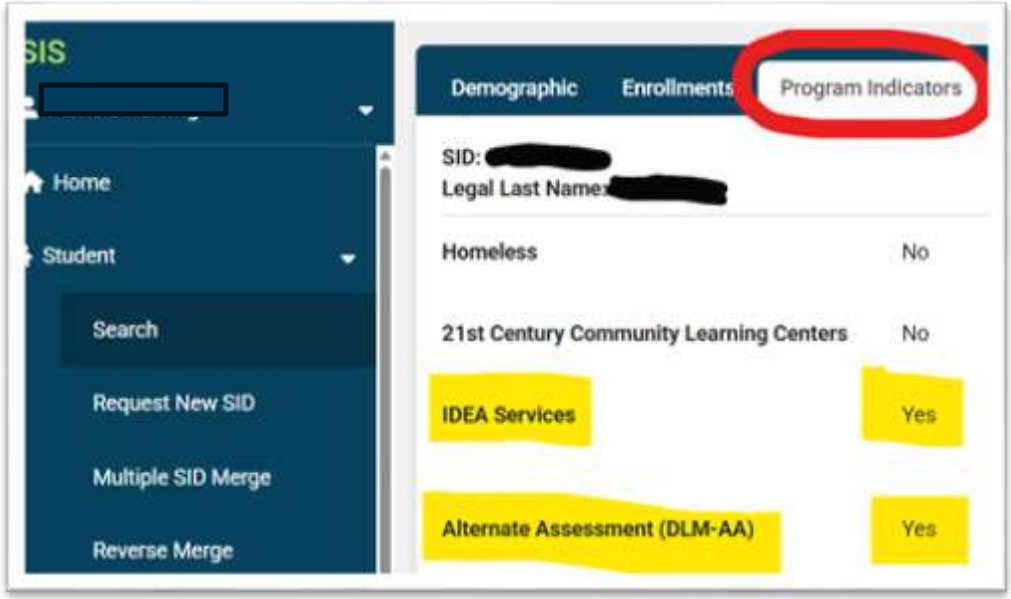
Before Using the Instructionally Embedded Assessment

- Work with your technology staff to ensure the latest version of Kite Client has been downloaded on testing devices.
- Share resources with teachers:
  - DLM Instructionally Embedded Assessments (video)
  - Using the DLM Instruction and Assessment Planner Tool During the Optional Instructionally Embedded Window (video)
  - Educator Portal User Guide
  - Test Administration Manual

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Identifying Students for the DLM-AA

- Districts can update the alternate assessment indicator for any student taking the DLM next spring. To do this, go to Program Indicators tab in student's SIS record. Ensure IDEA Services is YES and then update Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA) to YES. Be sure to save updates to the record.



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Adding Students to Kite Educator Portal

- The process for uploading students to Kite Educator Portal will begin in October.
- To ensure your students are included in the weekly upload:
  - Confirm they have an enrollment in SIS for SY26
  - Verify the accuracy of the home school, serving school and service provider RCDTS codes
  - Ensure the IDEA Services indicator is "YES"
  - Ensure the Alternate Assessment indicator is "YES"
- **Do not add students** to Kite Educator Portal
  - This step helps maintain data accuracy
  - Makes the process of matching scores to students next summer much easier



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9th and 10th Grade Science

- Beginning in Spring 2026, students in 9th and 10th grade will complete the DLM science assessment
  - Mirrors what students taking the PreACT will be doing
- Teachers new to administering science may wish to review the following:
  - Blueprint for Science
  - Materials Collection for Science
  - Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets
  - Science Instructional Activities
- A great opportunity for teachers to try out the Instructionally Embedded Assessment Planner!

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ACT with Writing (grade 11 and 12 as required)

PreACT Secure (grade 10)

PreACT 9 Secure (grade 9)

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Spring 2025 Proficiency Benchmarks

Visit www.isbe.net/Pages/HS-Assessment.aspx to learn more about the performance levels for the Spring 2025 administration of ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, and PreACT 9 Secure:

New, Unified Performance Levels and Right-Sized Proficiency Benchmarks for IAR, ISA, and ACT

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has adopted new, research-informed, and right-sized assessment performance levels to give students, families, and educators better data on academic achievement and college readiness. Prior performance levels mislabeled many students in elementary and high school, often indicating that students were less academically successful and prepared for college than they actually were. The new, unified levels correct long-standing misalignment between Illinois' state assessments and other real college and career readiness expectations.

- ELA Cut Scores and Score Ranges
- Math Cut Scores and Score Ranges
- Science Cut Scores and Score Ranges
- Performance Level Descriptors

- **Communications Toolkit**
  - Presentation
  - Webinar Recording
  - Topline Messages and Talking Points
  - Fact Sheet for Parents
  - Unified Performance Levels FAQ



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Websites for More Information

Please visit the following two websites to learn more about the Spring 2026 administration of ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, and PreACT 9 Secure:

- ISBE High School Assessment website
- ACT-hosted website for Illinois

These websites have been updated recently to include information for spring 2026 and will continue to be updated as more details and resources are available.

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Spring 2026 Required Content Areas

ACT with Writing:

English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing

PreACT Secure:

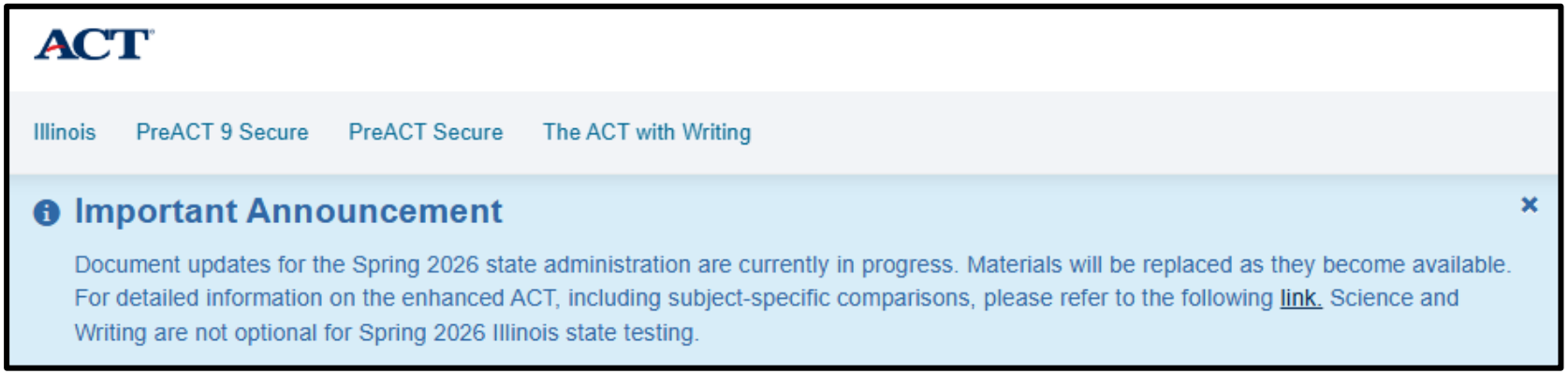
English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science

PreACT 9 Secure:

English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science

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Webinars and Office Hours



Helpful Links & Contact Info

Webinars and Office Hours

- Illinois ACT State Testing - Office Hours Link (2PM)
- ACT with Writing Accommodations Webinar - October 10, 2025 (11AM)
- ACT with Writing Pre-Test Webinar - November 4, 2025 (11AM)
- ACT with Writing Test Day Webinar - December 4, 2025 (11AM)
- PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure Pre-Test Webinar - January 15, 2026 (11AM)
- PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure Test Day Webinar - February 3, 2026 (11AM)
- Technical Readiness Webinar – February 13, 2026 (11AM)

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Enhanced ACT

Important Announcement

Document updates for the Spring 2026 state administration are currently in progress. Materials will be replaced as they become available. For detailed information on the enhanced ACT, including subject-specific comparisons, please refer to the following link. **Science and Writing are not optional for Spring 2026 Illinois state testing.**

The posted link contains a document with 5 tables that detail the enhanced ACT that will be used for the spring 2026 ISBE-provided administration.

- Table 1: Summary of the Number of Items and Testing Time on the Legacy and Enhanced ACT by Section
- Table 2: Comparison of the English Section (Legacy and Enhanced) Number and Percentage of Items by Reporting Category
- Table 3: Comparison of the Math Section (Legacy and Enhanced) Number and Percentage of Items by Reporting Category
- Table 4: Comparison of the Reading Section (Legacy and Enhanced) Number and Percentage of Items by Reporting Category
- Table 5: Comparison of the Science Section (Legacy and Enhanced) Number and Percentage of Items by Reporting Category

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Enhanced ACT

Table 1. Summary of the Number of Items and Testing Time on the Legacy and Enhanced ACT by Section

The following table shows a comparison of the total number of items and testing time by section for the legacy and enhanced ACT test.

	ACT - Legacy		ACT - Enhanced	
	Items	Total Time (Min)	Items	Total Time (Min)
English	75	45	50*	35
Math	60	60	45*	50
Reading	40	35	36*	40
Science	40	35	40*	40
Writing	1	40	1	40
Core ACT Administration**	215	175	131*	125
ISBE-Provided Administration***			172***	205***

*Number includes embedded field-test items that do not contribute to score points.
**The core administration is the shortest administration of the test and results in a college-reportable Composite Score. The core administration for the legacy ACT is English, Math, Reading, and Science. The core administration for the enhanced ACT is English, Math, and Reading.

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Who Must Test?

- Unless they are rostered to take DLM-AA instead, students in grade 11 and grade 12 as required will participate in the ACT with Writing.
- Unless they are rostered to take DLM-AA instead, students in grades 9 and 10 will participate in the PreACT 9 Secure and the PreACT Secure, respectively.
- 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.

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PreID and Grade 12 Exclusion

- The ACT/PreACT Secure Assessment Pre-ID report is generated automatically, based on current enrollments in SIS and automatically associates all grade 9, 10, and 11 students to take PreACT 9 Secure, PreACT Secure, and ACT with Writing, respectively, as long as the DLM-AA indicator is set to "No."

- Grade 12 students are required to participate in the state's final accountability assessment (i.e., ACT with Writing or grade 11 DLM-AA) if they do not have a valid score from a prior administration and were not considered to be exempt.

- Currently, ALL enrolled grade 12 students are listed on the Pre-ID report.

- Grade 12 students who are not required to participate will be removed in the coming weeks, and the flowchart will communicate when this work is done.

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Spring 2026 Test Event Dates

ACT with Writing

(grade 11 and 12 as required*)

Digital Testing Window Options

- Test Event 1: March 24–27 and March 30–April 3, 2026
- Test Event 2: April 7–10 and April 13–17, 2026
- Test Event 3: April 21–24 and April 27–May 1, 2026

Note: Each two-week Test Event begins on a Tuesday. Monday testing is available during the second week of each two-week option.

**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 with Writing.*

www.isbe.net/Documents/State-Assessment-Dates-2025-26.pdf

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Spring 2026 Test Event Dates

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

Digital Test Event Options

- Test Event 1: March 16–27, 2026
- Test Event 2: March 30–April 10, 2026
- Test Event 3: April 13–24, 2026

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Spring 2026 Test Event Dates

Remember...

- Testing should not be administered on weekends.
- Prior to testing, schools will be asked to identify one Test Event for initial testing in ACT Now to support the timely receipt of any paper accommodated materials.
- Testing may be scheduled on any day(s) within the selected Test Event.
- If necessary for any reason (e.g., change in testing date, makeup testing, testing transfer students who haven't tested), students may test during any Test Event.
- A student must start and complete testing in the same Test Event, so schedule students with multi-day testing early in the window.

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Update EPS for 2025-26

- Information in ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS) will be used to set up Organizations and assign User Roles in ACT Now for spring 2026 testing.

- Continue to review EPS to ensure Superintendent and Principal names and emails are accurate and, if not already added, add individuals to EPS with the ***High School Test Coordinator*** title.

- ***Superintendents***, ***Principals***, and ***High School Test Coordinators*** in EPS will be given the role of ***District Test Coordinator (DTC)*** in ACT Now.

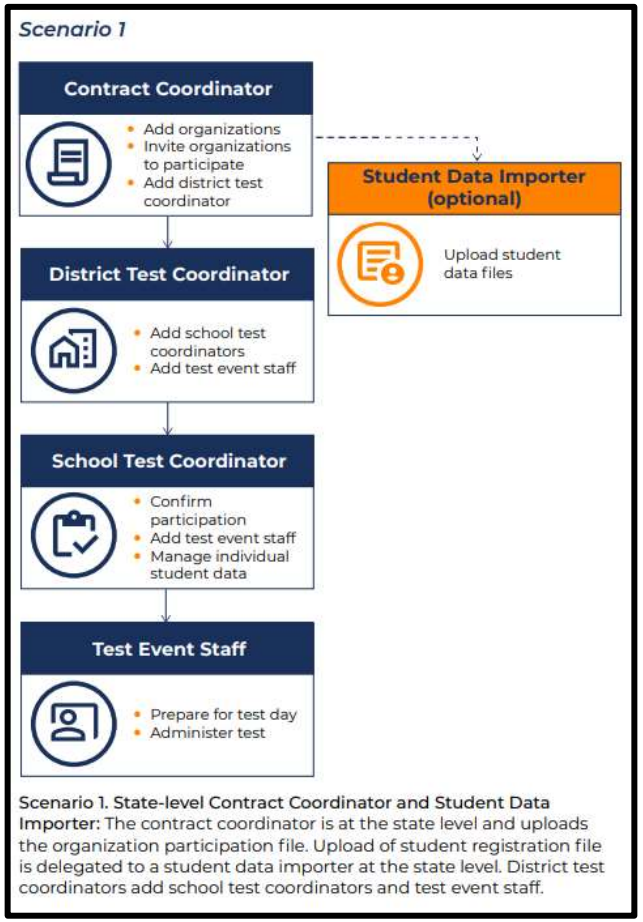
- On September 30, ACT is scheduled to send an email about upcoming trainings for ACT with Writing. This email will be sent to DTCs and Test Accommodation Coordinators (TACs) from spring 2025 and those in EPS as of 09/25/25 listed as ***Superintendent***, ***Principal***, and ***High School Test Coordinator.***



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Organizations and User Roles in ACT

- ISBE will be following Scenario #1 (page 3, to the right), as described in the ACT Now User Roles document.
- Therefore, the following two roles are not applicable in Illinois:
  - Organization invitation importer
  - Student data importer
- ISBE will be loading all organizations based on data in its Entity Profile System (EPS).
- ISBE will be loading students on behalf of schools based on enrollments in its Student Information System (SIS).



Scenario 1. State-level Contract Coordinator and Student Data Importer: The contract coordinator is at the state level and uploads the organization participation file. Upload of student registration file is delegated to a student data importer at the state level. District test coordinators add school test coordinators and test event staff.

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Spring 2026 High-Level Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Update School/District Test Coordinator in ISBE's Entity Profile System (EPS)	Now/Ongoing
ACT's Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system opens to submit requests for accommodations and EL Supports for ACT with Writing	September 8, 2025
ACT Now opens to confirm participation for ACT with Writing	November 3, 2025
ACT Now opens to confirm participation for PreACT Secure and PreACT 9 Secure	*Anticipated January 5, 2026*
First Transmission of Student Data to ACT Now	*Anticipated January 14, 2026*

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ACT Customer Support Phone: 1-855-730-0400

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2026 ACCESS Materials Ordering

Ordering materials for 2025-26 will follow the *same process as in the past*. Initial test material ordering in WIDA AMS will be **October 9 to November 5, 2025**. Additional test material ordering in WIDA AMS will be **January 5 to February 23, 2026**.

Kindergarten Order for District IL19022096X01 (IL ACCESS for ELLs - 2024-2025)	
Grade Cluster	Number Of Students
Kindergarten	

Online Order for District IL19022096X01 (IL ACCESS for ELLs - 2024-2025)	
Grade Cluster	Number of Online Testers
1	
2-3	
4-5	
6-8	
9-12	

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Determining Accommodations

New Article Highlights Best Practices for Determining Accommodations

- Who makes decisions about accommodations on WIDA assessments?
- What support educators receive in the decision-making process?
- How familiar educators are with specific WIDA accommodations?

Explore key takeaways from WIDA's accommodations research.



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Practice with WIDA ACCESS Sample Items

Practice items are available for WIDA ACCESS Online, WIDA ACCESS Paper, WIDA ACCESS Braille, and WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

Sample items, suggested sample item scripts, and links to other resources are available on the ACCESS Test Practice and Sample Items page and the Alternate ACCESS Sample Items page.





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Upcoming Webinars

WIDA ACCESS Software Updates and Tech Readiness Checklist
Tuesday, **September 30, 2025** at 1:00 PM-2:00 PM CT

WIDA ACCESS Technology Installations: Part 1
Tuesday, **October 7, 2025** at 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT

WIDA ACCESS Technology Installations: Part 2
Thursday, **October 9, 2025** at 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT



Additional information is available at:
https://portal.wida.us/webinar/webinarlist

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Standards in Action Webpage

WIDA just launched the brand-new Standards in Action webpage. This page brings to life the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards Framework through real classroom examples, practical resources, and videos that show how educators use the framework to support language development.



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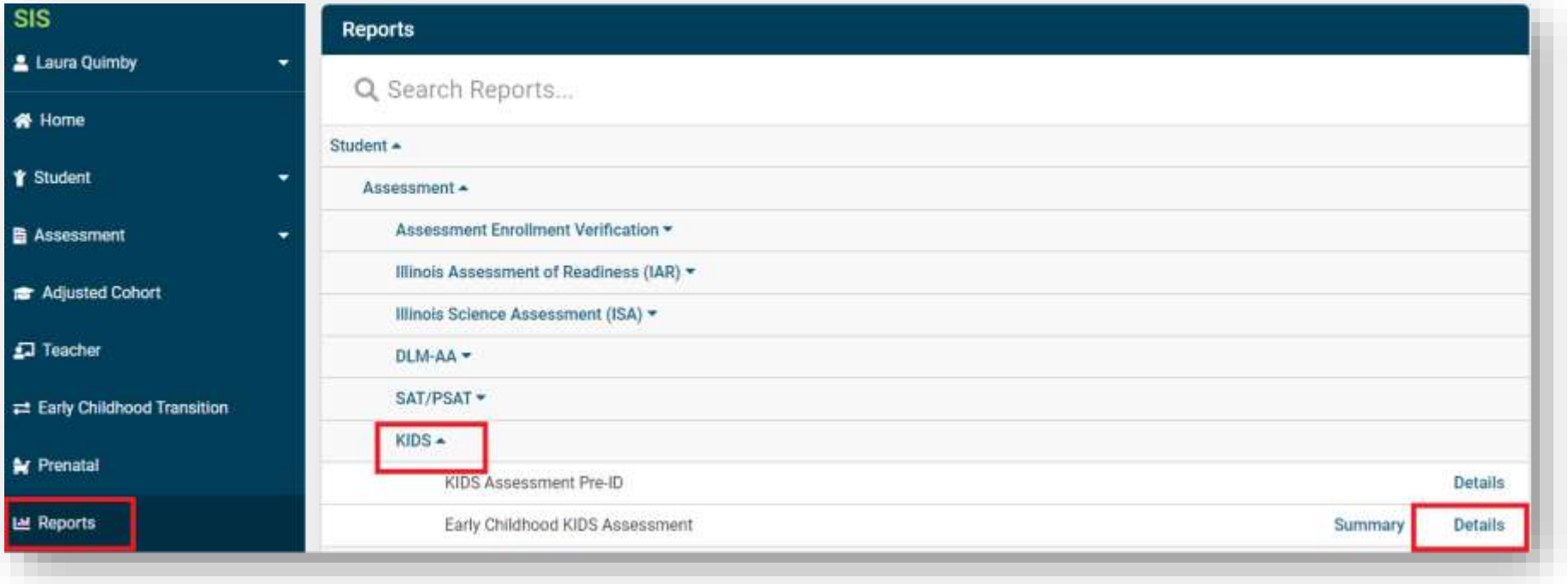
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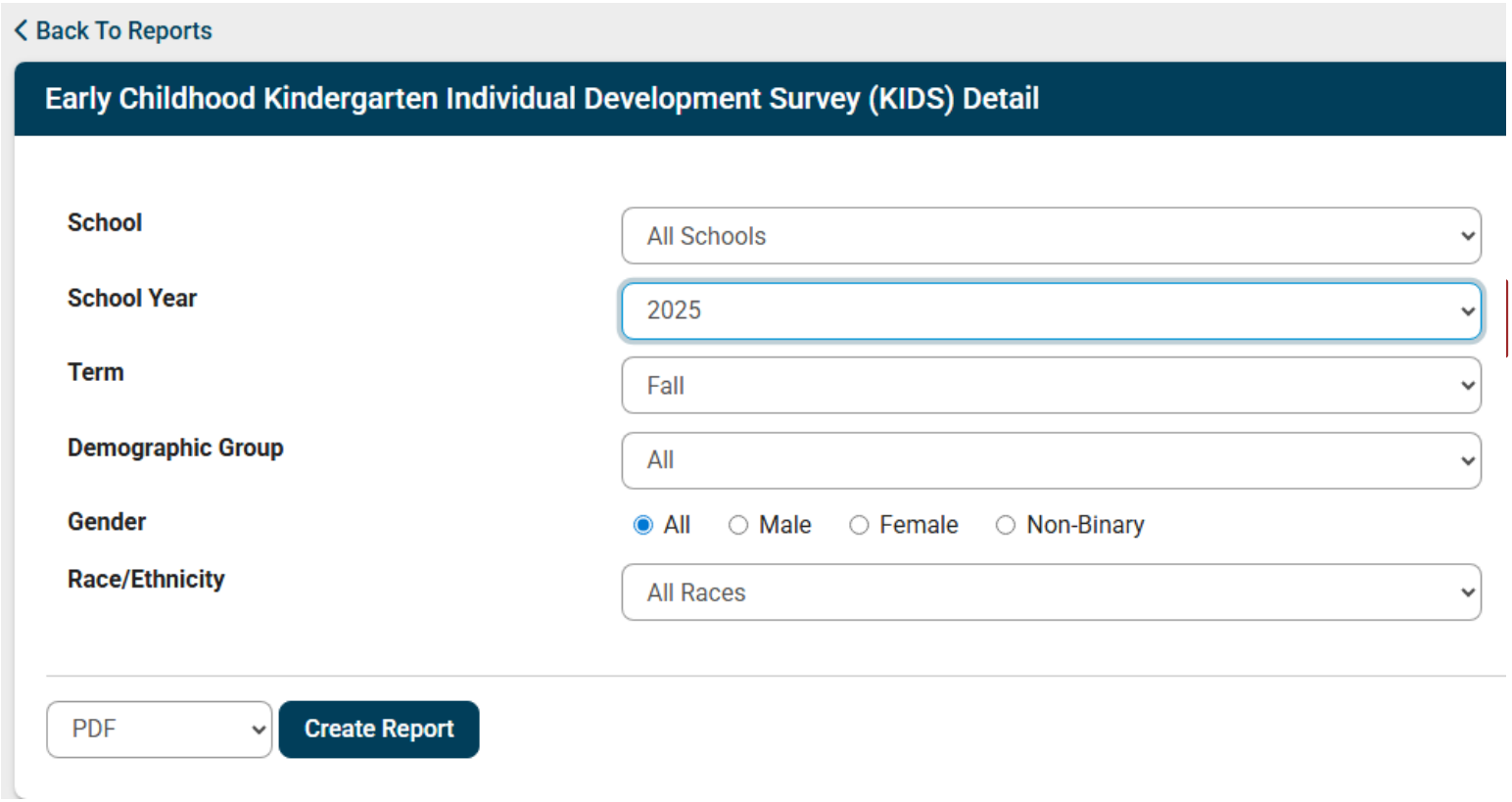
KIDS Fall Data 2024-25

- The 2024-2025 KIDS is available in SIS



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KIDS fall Data 2024-2025



- Select 2025 as the school Year is defaulted to 2025

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KIDStech Single Sign-on Requirements

- Educators needing access to KIDStech via single sign-on must have the two steps completed:
    - KIDS required implementation training and recorded on the educator's ELIS account

Source	Status	Designation	Grade	Candidate Number	Issued	Expires	Completed On
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KIDStech Single Sign-on Requirements

- The second step that needs to be completed is the following:
  - Employment position code is entered into the employment information system.
  - The position code for educators must be an instructional code.
  - The position code for an administrator must be an administrative code.



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Teacher Transferred to New District

- Educators who have taught in another district and are now teaching at a different district will need to be transferred to the new district before signing into KIDStech.

- The following information is needed for the transfer to occur:
  - Name (first, last, previous)
  - IEIN number
  - Previous school email address
  - Previous school district
  - Current school email address
  - Current school district

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Common Login Issues for KIDStech

- Employment position code is not entered into the Employment Information System (EIS).
- Training was not completed and added to the educator's ELIS account.
- Educator's email address in EIS is incorrect.
- Educator was located at another district and needs to be transferred to the new district.

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Preparing for The Fall KIDS Survey

- Posted on the KIDS webpage is a document that provides administrator and educator preparation tasks.
- Teachers have a full 40 days to get to know, observe, and document developmental evidence for their students.
- Students should be given the full forty days to demonstrate what they know and can do.
  - How to Prepare for KIDS

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Rosters for KIDS

- Kindergarten enrollments should be entered sooner than later to ensure that all students in kindergarten are transmitted to KIDStech.
- Educators must sign-in to KIDStech prior to rosters being sent. Rosters sent prior to a teacher signing in will result in the teacher not seeing her students.
- If this occurs, the district will have to submit the roster again after the teacher has logged into KIDStech.
- KIDStech is a separate system from SIS. Rosters must be uploaded from SIS from someone within the district into KIDStech. Process for uploads can be found in the guidance link below:
  - KIDStech Roster Upload Instructions

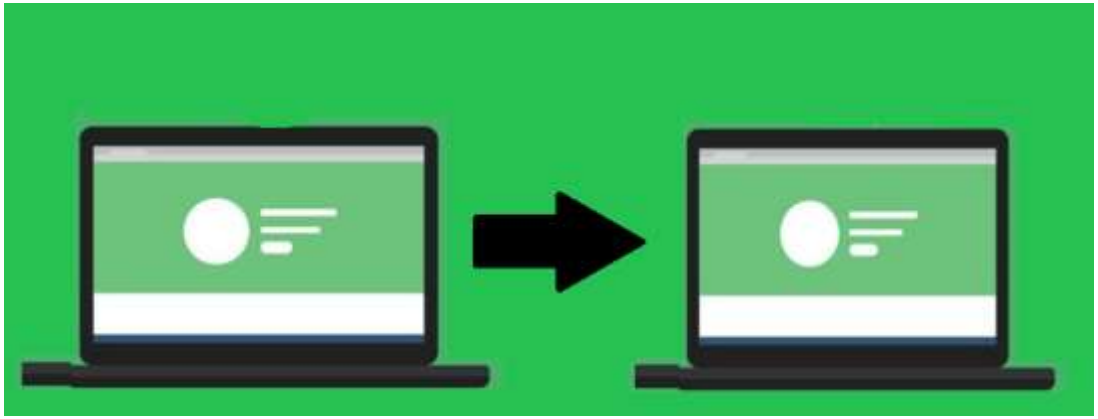
Rosters for KIDS

- If a student is missing from the teacher's roster in KIDStech, then please verify the student's course assignments is one of the following:
    - Language Arts (Kindergarten)
    - Reading (Kindergarten)
    - Writing (Kindergarten)
    - Mathematics (Kindergarten)
    - Kindergarten
- Verify the student has an active enrollment in SIS.

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Transmitting Students to KIDStech

- Please be sure that your teachers have logged in prior to student transmission.
- If they were not logged in prior to transmission, you will need to re-transmit the file again because the teacher was not active in KIDstech to connect the students to the roster.



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Collecting Evidence

- For teachers, KIDStech access is only needed for the purposes of entering data.

- That should not begin until districts are close to reaching the 40th day of attendance, so teachers have time to gather evidence before determining a rating.

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KIDS Professional Development



Access the KIDS professional Development Calendar to view upcomping training session and stay informed on implemtation support opportunities

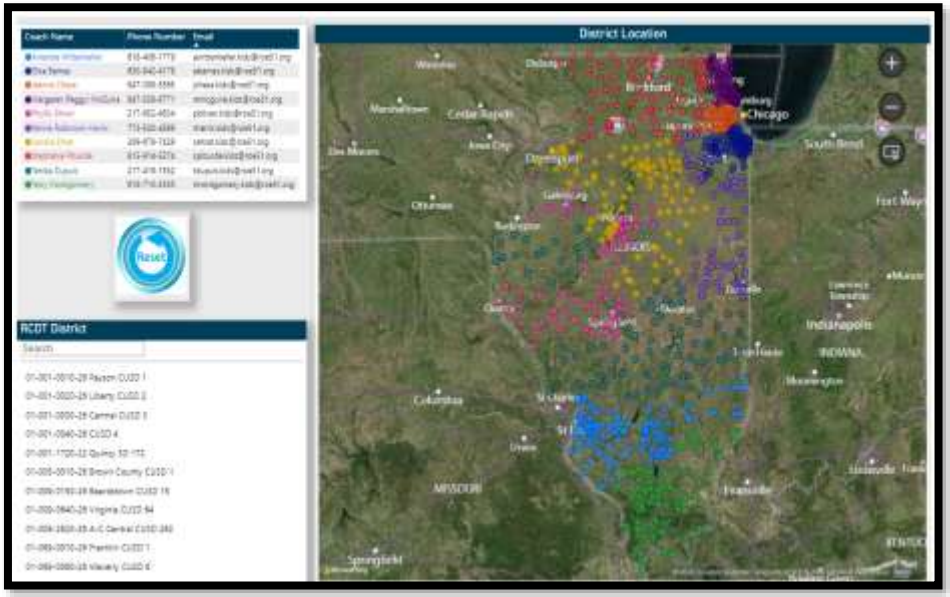


KIDS: Professional Development Calendar

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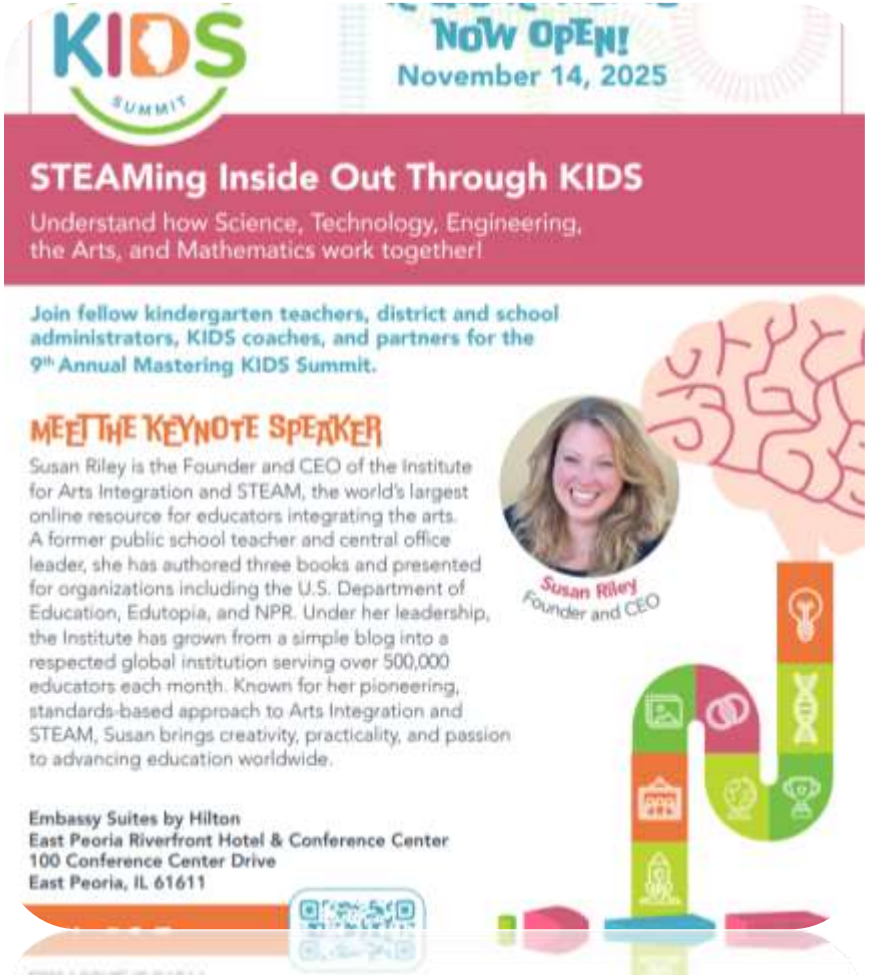
KIDS Coaches

- 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.



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November 14, 2025

East Peoria, IL

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Upcoming Assessment Update Webinars



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Webinar Dates/Times

Webinar Date	Webinar Time
Friday, October 10, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM CDT
Friday, October 24, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM CDT
Friday, November 7, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM CDT
Friday, November 21, 2025	10:00-11:00 AM CDT
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Thank You

Next Webinar:
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