

ISBE Student Assessment Update

Illinois Board of Education
May 1, 2026

Agenda

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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.
- Student personal identifiable information should not be shared through email or chat on assessment administration platforms. Only provide the SIS ID when trying to communicate about a student.

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.

SIS Webinar End of SY26/Planning for SY27

Webinar Agenda

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 - Report Card Timeline
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 - Assessment Correction and Scores Process
 - Student Attendance
 - Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate
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 - Fall and Spring Course Assignments
 - Importance of Data Quality
 - Seal of Biliteracy Awards
 - End of SY2025-26 Tasks
 - Upcoming Key Dates
 - Next Steps for Districts
- This SIS webinar on April 29 included details about the assessment correction and scores process.
 - The presentation and recording are now available.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Webinar](#)

KIDS Training is OPEN

- You can find the registration link for the mandatory KIDS training on the official KIDS webpage under News and Updates.
- To complete the online registration; users must complete the registration link below:
[Kindergarten Individual Development Survey Implementation Required Training](#)
- Principals and administrators are encouraged to complete the KIDS training to have administrative access & support kindergarten teachers during the fall rating period.

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

ISA Testing

- **The 2026 ISA testing window is now closed.**
- The 2027 ISA testing window will be March 1 -April 30.
- Be sure to update your ISA testing coordinator in EPS.
- [Update ISA Coordinator in EPS](#)

ISA 2026 Corrections

- Districts can enter accountability codes in ADAM from now until May 14.
- Corrections will open in the Student Information System (SIS) on May 11 and remain open until July 31.
- Accountability codes (RNVTAs) can be entered within either of these windows.
- [Accountability Codes Link](#)
- Preliminary ISA Performance Reports will be available to districts beginning May 20th.

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Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

IAR Key Dates

Events	Dates
Nightly feed from SIS to platform	Ends 4/30/2026
Enter accountability codes within the platform	Now through 5/14/2026
ISBE corrections window	5/11/2026-7/31/2026

Reporting	Dates
Preliminary scores in the platform	5/20/2026
Scores posted in SIS	7/13/2026
Electronic ISRs in Platform	7/21/2026
Family portal opens/ISR videos	8/20/2026
Hard copies of ISRs delivered to districts and schools	By 8/28/2026

Closing Out IAR

- **ACCOUNTABILITY CODES**—You may continue to apply accountability codes in the platform until a couple of weeks after the state testing window closes. The codes entered will return to ISBE along with the score file: [How to add Accountability Codes in the Platform](#)
- **MAINTAIN ALL 2026 TESTING DOCUMENTATION**—The following records (physical or electronic) must be maintained in each school's Test Security File for a period of three years.
 - Copies of all digital and/or signed 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.)
 - Copies of any Forms to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
 - Copies of any Forms to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
 - A copy of your signed Post-Test Certification Form
 - Copies of submitted Emergency Accommodation forms
 - Copies of submitted Unique Accommodation Forms
 - RNVTA documentation (medically exempt, student refusals, etc.)
 - IEP, 504, EL documentation (student portfolios or permanent files)
 - Copies of ALL other testing documentation
- **USER LOGINS**—Please ensure that user logins and passwords are **not shared** among staff members. Each user must access assessment systems using their **own individual account**. Sharing credentials creates a security risk and violates the security agreement acknowledged during initial account setup. Staff who need access should work with their District or School Testing Coordinator to obtain an account.
 - [Report Access Role](#)--Assigned to users who will need access published reports.

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Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA)

Testing Window

- Closes Wednesday, May 6, 2026.
- *No extensions* will be given.

Science Reminders

- Beginning this year, 9th and 10th graders are assessed in science
- DLM updated the Science Essential Elements
 - Become operational in SY 27
- Students completing science will receive 4 field test testlets this year
- Materials list for science field test testlets found [here](#).

Review for Assessment Completion

- Teachers and test coordinators can check testing progress using the *DLM Test Administration Monitoring* extract.
 - Found in Educator Portal
 - Teachers will only see their rostered students.
 - Test coordinators can view by student, building, or district.
 - Instructions for retrieving the extract are in the [Educator Portal User Guide](#) (page 81).
 - Information on interpreting the extract being on page 106.
 - Reminder: If a test session name includes "FT SP...", you are viewing a field test testlet.

Conduct a Final Review of Enrollments

- Please review student enrollments
- Remove students not taking the DLM-AA
 - Exit code 18
 - Instructions on page 114 of [Data Management Manual](#)
- Update alternate assessment indicator, as needed, to allow scores to match
 - "YES" for students taking the DLM-AA
 - "NO" for students taking IAR or ACT/Pre-ACT
- Ensure an accountability school and district are shown

Post-Assessment Tasks

- Teachers must securely destroy:
 - All Testlet Information Pages (TIPs)
 - Any blank or lined paper written on by student
 - Any embossed Braille forms
 - Student usernames and passwords

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DLM Website [Illinois DLM](#)

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ACT + Science + Writing
PreACT Secure
PreACT 9 Secure

PreACT Secure 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*

***Thank you for a successful
administration!!***

ACT with Writing Spring 2026 Test Event Dates

- **ACT with Writing**
(for grade 11 and 12 as required*)

- **Digital Test Event 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*

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Spring 2027 Test Dates

PreACT 9 Secure (gr. 9) and PreACT Secure (gr. 10)

- Test Event 1: March 8 – 19, 2027
- Test Event 2: March 22 – April 2, 2027
- Test Event 3: April 5 – 16, 2027

Schools may choose to test on any weekday during any Test Event and may use any or all Test Events to schedule initial and makeup testing. Students testing over multiple days must start and complete testing in the same Test Event.

Spring 2027 Test Dates

ACT + Science + Writing (gr. 11 and gr. 12 as req'd)

- Test Event 1: March 23 – April 2, 2027
- Test Event 2: April 6 – 16, 2027
- Test Event 3: April 20 – 30, 2027

Schools may choose to test on any weekday during any Test Event and may use any or all Test Events to schedule initial and makeup testing. Students testing over multiple days must start and complete testing in the same Test Event.

Spring 2026 Resources

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

- [ISBE High School Assessment website](#)
- [ACT Email Communications Index](#)
- [ACT-hosted web page for Illinois](#)*

*This resource contains resources for all steps of administration:

- *Step 1: Pre-Administration*
- *Step 2: Test Administration*
- *Step 3: Post-Administration*

Spring 2026 Schedule of Events

The **Schedule of Events** documents include key events and tasks for test administration. Score reporting details are included in these documents.

- [ACT with Writing Schedule of Events](#)
- [PreACT Secure/PreACT 9 Secure Schedule of Events](#)

Pre-ID Guidance

- [Spring 2026 ACT/PreACT Secure Pre-ID Guidance Document](#)
- **Page 1 topics:**
 - How the Pre-ID roster is created
 - How to address non-tested/non-exempt students who are scheduled to graduate before the spring administration
 - How to edit a student's Testing RCDTS code
- **Page 2 topics:**
 - Confirming participation in ACT Now
 - Student transmission schedule from Pre-ID into ACT Now
 - Details about student transmissions into ACT Now
 - Pre-ID report access
 - Contact Information for further assistance
- **Page 3 topics:**
 - Non-College Reportable scores
 - *Requests for Test Event 3 are due to ISBE by 4PM on 05/01/26*

Students Who Do Not Test

- Schools must account for **all** students who are enrolled in their school for *at least one day during the available test windows*. All students on the assessment correction roster in SIS must have either test scores or the applicable [RNVTA](#) code.
Note: Use [RNVTA 07](#) or [RNVTA 08](#) for students who transfer out or in during the test window and do not test at your school.
- The corrections window in SIS is scheduled to open on **May 11, 2026**, to allow school staff to begin to enter the applicable [RNVTA](#) codes for students who do not test. For details, [register](#) for the SIS webinar on April 29, 2026.
- Do not test grade 11 or 12 students who are no longer enrolled in SIS (e.g., early graduates). Instead, submit diploma exemption paperwork:
 - Details are posted on <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/HS-Assessment.aspx> in the "**Overview and General Information**" section.
- Do not submit diploma exemption paperwork for grade 11 or 12 students who still enrolled but exempt. Simply enter the applicable exemption [RNVTA](#) code in SIS, starting May 11 (e.g., [RNVTA 01](#), medically exempt).

Assessment Corrections Timeline

- ISBE will be sharing an updated corrections guidance document soon that will be posted on the [high school website](#).
- **Now**, please review the list of students on the ***Assessment Enrollment Verification Report*** in SIS, and be prepared to enter the appropriate [RNVTA](#) for students who were expected to test but did not.
- Starting on **May 11, 2026**, school staff may begin to enter the appropriate [RNVTA](#) codes in SIS.
- Scores are scheduled to be posted in SIS **July 13, 2026**.
- No later than **July 31, 2026**, every student listed in the ***Assessment Scores Report*** in SIS must have either test scores or the appropriate RNVTA entered

Assessment Enrollment Verification Report

SIS

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- Home
- Student
- Assessment
- Adjusted Cohort
- Teacher
- Early Childhood Transition
- Prenatal
- Reports

Reports

Search Reports...

- Student
- Assessment
- Assessment Enrollment Verification
- Assessment Enrollment Verification Details
- Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)
- Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)
- DLM-AA
- ACT/PreACT Secure
- KIDS
- Unassigned Test Results

The ***Assessment Enrollment Verification Report*** in SIS shows the list of students who must have scores or the appropriate [RNVTA](#).

Assessment Enrollment Verification

School Year 2026

Home School STATE-WIDE

Grade All Grades

Test to be taken ☒ All ☐ DLM-AA ☐ IAR ☐ ISA ☐ ACT with Writing ☐ PreACT Secure ☐ PreACT 9 Secure

Gender ☒ All ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary

IDEA Services ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

Alternate Assessment (DLM-AA) ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

EL Indicator ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

FRL/Low Income Indicator ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

Migrant Indicator ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

Homeless Indicator ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

21st Century Indicator ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

First Year in U.S. School ☒ Both ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sort By Student ID

PDF Create Report

Assessment Reports in SIS

- The **Assessment Corrections Report** in SIS: Available **May 11**; shows the list of students who must have scores or the appropriate [RNVT](#).
- The **Assessment Scores Report** in SIS: Available **July 13**; shows scores and error codes.

The screenshot shows the SIS (Student Information System) interface. On the left is a dark blue navigation menu with the SIS logo at the top. Below the logo, the user 'megan forness' is logged in. The menu items are: Home, Student, Assessment, Adjusted Cohort, Teacher, Early Childhood Transition, Prenatal, Reports (highlighted with a green box), and Batch File Processing. The main content area is titled 'Reports' and features a search bar labeled 'Search Reports...'. Below the search bar are filters for 'Student' and 'Assessment' (both highlighted with green boxes). A list of reports follows, including 'Assessment Enrollment Verification', 'Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)', 'Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)', 'DLM-AA', and 'ACT/PreACT Secure' (highlighted with a green box). Below these are four specific reports, each with a title, a date, and a 'Details' link (all highlighted with green boxes):

Report Title	Availability Date	Action
ACT/PreACT Secure Assessment Pre-ID	NOW	Summary, Details
ACT/PreACT Secure Assessment Correction	May 11	Summary, Details
ACT/PreACT Secure Assessment Scores	July 13	Summary, Details
ACT/PreACT Secure Assessment Scores Grid	July 13	Summary

Viewing Student Test Status in ACT Now ("Students" tab)

- You can use the **Students** tab in ACT Now to quickly determine who did not test.
- Any student who did not test and was enrolled during any day of the available test window must be identified with the appropriate [RNVTA](#) in SIS.

The screenshot shows the ACT Now web application interface. The top navigation bar includes the ACT Now logo, a user icon, and the text 'ACT TCM'. A dropdown menu shows 'The ACT State - ACT Illinois Spring 2026 - Illinois State Board of Education'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Contract, Administration, Students (highlighted with a green box), Test Events, Orders, and a Collapse button. The main content area is titled 'Students > Illinois State Board of Education'. It features a tabbed interface with 'Students', 'Reports' (highlighted with a green box), 'Overview', and 'Files'. Below the tabs is a table of reports:

Report Name	Current version date		
MyACT Instructions for Students ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download PDF
School Student Transfer ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
Student Code Usage Status in MyACT ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
Student Test Status ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
TCM Monitor Rooms ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
The ACT Accommodations & Supports - District or School ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV

The 'Student Test Status' report row is highlighted with a green box, and its 'Regenerate' and 'Download CSV' buttons are also highlighted.

Optional MyACT Student Accounts & Student Codes

- On March 11, ACT sent [an email](#) about preparing for test administration.
- This email included details about non-test instructions and [Taking the ACT](#).
- These instructions were shipped to schools based on ACT Now as of 02/20/2026.
- The report ***MyACT instructions for Students*** contains the **Student Code** for all students.
- Other status reports are also available to download from ACT Now.

ACT Now | ACT TCM

The ACT State - ACT Illinois Spring 2026 - Illinois State Board of Education

Students > Illinois State Board of Education

Students Reports Overview Files

Report Name	Current version date		
MyACT Instructions for Students ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download PDF
School Student Transfer ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
Student Code Usage Status in MyACT ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
Student Test Status ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
TCM Monitor Rooms ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV
The ACT Accommodations & Supports - District or School ⓘ	04/23/2026 at 3:01 PM	Regenerate	Download CSV

Optional MyACT Student Accounts & Score Sends

- [ACT-hosted web page for Illinois](#), under Step 1: Pre-Administration
- **Resources for Students and Testing Staff**

Creating a MyACT account in Illinois is optional. Students can use their MyACT account to view **ACT + Science + Writing** scores from state testing. Students have the option to submit scores to up to four colleges at no cost through their optional MyACT account, or they may utilize an alternate form if they choose not to create an optional MyACT account.
- **Testing Staff:**
 - [Alternate Score Send and MyACT for Illinois Supplement \(pdf\)](#)
 - [MyACT User Guide for Test Coordinators \(pdf\)](#)
- **Students:**
 - [MyACT Resources for Success \(pdf\)](#)
 - [MyACT User Guide for Students \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Information for Examinees \(act.org\)](#)
 - [Taking the ACT \(pdf\)](#) (ACT will ship copies of this for your students.)
 - [Taking the ACT–Spanish \(pdf\)](#)

Optional MyACT Student Accounts & Score Sends (continued)

- A student must use the **Student Code** if they choose to create an optional MyACT account to **VIEW** their spring 2026 **ACT + Science + Writing** scores from the ISBE-provided administration.
- If a student already has a MyACT account, they must use the **Student Code** to associate the spring 2026 ISBE-provided administration to their existing account. Details can be found in the [MyACT User Guide for Test Coordinators](#).
- A student may send up to 4 free scores using this optional MyACT account ***within 2 days (48 hours) of completing testing***.
- If a student uses their optional MyACT account to facilitate one or more score sends, they **CANNOT** use their Student Code to send any free scores using the "[score submission form](#)" (alternate method).
- If a student sends **NO SCORES** using their optional MyACT account, they may use their **Student Code** to send up to four free scores using the "[score submission form](#)" (alternate method) but must wait until *after their scores post* to do this. They have up to 90 days after testing (not 90 days after scores post) to do so.
- **Questions?** Contact ACT Support: 855-730-0400, option 1

Score Reporting Timeline

- Scores for all three assessments will be added to the ACT Online Reporting Portal, [Success](#), on a rolling basis. Some scores are already posted!
- All scores are scheduled to be included no later than the following dates:
 - PreACT 9 Secure: June 5, 2026
Note: Initial scores will be available in ACT Success on May 13, 2026.
 - PreACT Secure: June 5, 2026
Note: Initial scores will be available in ACT Success on May 13, 2026.
 - ACT + Science + Writing: June 12, 2026
Note: For only ACT + Science + Writing, approximately 5-8 weeks after testing, 2 copies of score reports are mailed in batches, as ready.
- Scores for all three assessments are scheduled to be posted in ISBE's Student Information System by July 13, 2026.

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WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS

Adjusted Dates for ACCESS Review

The ACCESS Preliminary results for SY2025-26 will be posted in SIS beginning **May 11**. Please, review your *ACCESS Score Report* for completeness and accuracy. If you have missing scores, be sure to check your ACCESS *Unassigned Test Results* report.

Resources for Talking with Families

New this year: WIDA updated the WIDA ACCESS parent letters and flyer. The flyer now has images of the WIDA ACCESS Individual Student Report and explanations of what each part means.

- [WIDA ACCESS Parent Letters](#) (available in the same 49 languages as the ACCESS Individual Student Report)
- [WIDA ACCESS: Understanding Your Child's Scores flyer](#) (available in 18 languages)
- [WIDA Alternate ACCESS: Understanding Your Child's Scores flyer](#) (available in 18 languages)

Upcoming WIDA Webinar

WIDA AMS and DRC Technical Enhancements for 2026-2027

This webinar will provide information on enhancements and changes to WIDA AMS and DRC INSIGHT for the 2026-2027 testing season.

It will be held May 19, 2026, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT.

[Event Link](#)

[More Details](#)

2026 WIDA Conference Registration

Registration for the 2026 WIDA Annual Conference opens on **Monday, May 4!** In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, a discounted registration rate is available May 4-10. Find more information on the [2026 WIDA Annual Conference](#) web page. The [Registration Page](#) will become active on May 4.

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Upcoming Assessment Update Webinars

Webinar Dates/Times

Webinar Date	Webinar Time
Friday, May 15, 2026	10:00-11:00 AM CDT
Friday, May 29, 2026	10:00-11:00 AM CDT

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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<u>ISBE High School Assessment</u> (ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, and PreACT 9 Secure)	ACT Phone: 855-730-0400 ACT Email: <u>statetesting@act.org</u> <u>ACT-hosted web page for Illinois</u>
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<u>SIS Helpdesk</u>	Phone: 217-558-3600 (option 3)

Thank You

Next Webinar:

May 15, 2026

10-11 am