



Back-to-School Webinar for Parents

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Today's Speakers



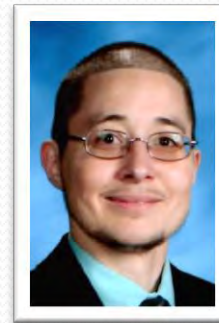
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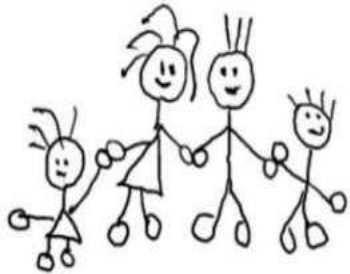


Our Key Areas of Focus

- Establish an adequate and equitable education finance system
- Common definition of, and fair access to, quality education
- Maximize district autonomy to provide quality education to all families
- Encourage competency-based learning
- Districts and schools as centers of healthy communities



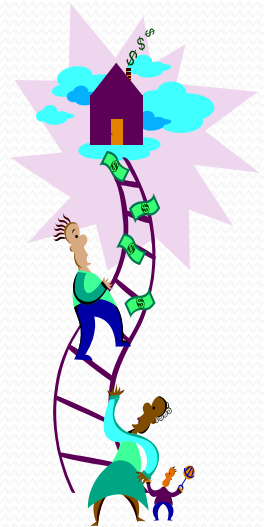
Family Engagement



Research indicates that when parents are engaged with their children's education, whether in school or at home, students do better academically.



When families, schools and communities partner to promote learning and healthy development for all children, schools thrive and student outcomes improve.



Families Matter



Family Engagement:

- Is a shared responsibility for the academic, physical, social, emotional and behavioral development of youth.
- Is fostered through a deliberate process.
- Empowers adults to work together to support student growth, addresses any barriers to learning and ensures college and career readiness.





Principles of Family Engagement

- Develop systems that support family engagement.
- Build welcoming and supportive environments.
- Enhance communication with parents.
- Include parents in decision making.



Read ISBE's Family Engagement Framework Guide

<http://www.isbe.net/family-engagement/html/framework.htm>

PTA – Six National Standards



- **Standard 1 – Welcoming All Families Into the School Environment**
 - **Goal 1:** Creating a Welcoming Climate
 - **Goal 2:** Building a Respectful, Inclusive School Community
- **Standard 2 – Communicating Effectively**
 - **Goal 1:** Sharing Information Between School and Families
- **Standard 3 – Supporting Student Success**
 - **Goal 1:** Sharing Information About Student Progress
 - **Goal 2:** Supporting Learning by Engaging Families



PTA – Six National Standards



- **Standard 4 – Speaking Up for Every Child**
 - **Goal 1:** Understanding How the School System Works
 - **Goal 2:** Empowering Families to Support Their Own and Other Children’s Success in School
- **Standard 5 – Sharing Power**
 - **Goal 1:** Strengthening the Family’s Voice in Shared Decision Making
 - **Goal 2:** Building Families’ Social and Political Connections
- **Standard 6 – Collaborating With Community**
 - **Goal 1:** Connecting the School With Community Resources



School Report Card



- ISBE's award-winning State, District and School Report Cards now provide **multiple measures of student and school performance** for better informed discussions about the unique qualities of public schools and school improvement efforts.

A screenshot of the Illinois Report Card website. The top navigation bar includes 'Illinois Report Card 2013-2014', 'Take the Survey', 'Classic IIRC', 'MyIIRC', 'Help', and 'Español'. The main content area features a large image of diverse children and a teacher. Below the image is a search section titled 'Find Your School' with a text input field for 'Find School or District by Name', a section for 'Or by Address' with a text input field for 'Find using Address, City, or ZIP' and a dropdown menu for 'within' set to '5 miles', and a 'Search' button. Below the search section are two columns: 'Stay Informed and Get Engaged' with a welcome message and a link to 'Classic IIRC', and 'Video Overview' with a video thumbnail titled 'ISBE New School Report Card PictoMoto'.

www.illinoisreportcard.com

School Report Card



- Includes “**Snapshot**” **Fast Facts** on Test Scores, Student Mobility, Average Class Size and more.



- Download and view **At-a-Glance Report PDF** with Academic Growth measures and other materials.



Illinois 5Essentials Survey



- The Illinois 5 Essentials Survey identifies five indicators that lead to important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. The five indicators that positively affect school success are:

Effective
Leaders

Collaborative
Teachers

Involved
Families

Supportive
Environments

Ambitious
Instruction

The First Year of PARCC



- **More than 75% of students** took the exam online this spring and no statewide technical outages were reported.
- **More detailed results from the first test administration** will be available in late fall. Scores are taking additional time to produce because of review to determine performance levels.
- First year of testing is a **baseline for test scores** and will establish performance targets for future years.
- School and parents will receive **detailed score reports** that show how a student performed on each portion of PARCC as well as their overall score.

PARCC Results

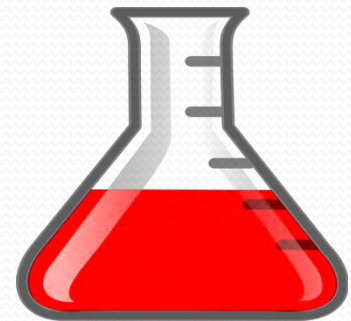
- Tests are simply **one measure to help track our progress.**
- We fully expect **results to improve** as teachers and students become more familiar with higher standards.
- Primary purpose of testing is to help parents and teachers **support children's learning.**
- PARCC test is not an additional test. It replaces existing test with one **better aligned to new standards.**



Science Assessment



- ISBE is developing a **new science assessment** to be administered to students during the 2015-16 school year.
- ISBE **submitted a draft plan** and timeline for the Illinois State Science Assessment to the USDE on June 30 in order to comply with the current federal requirements.
- This plan calls for all public school students in **fifth, eighth, and 10th grades** to take an NGSS-aligned exam in spring of 2016, unless the student is exempt.
- The online exam should take **90 minutes or less** to take.



Questions?



Links and Resources



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