

1. Title VI, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 6111 – State Assessments Formula Grants [Goals 1, 2, 3 & 5]

*Describe how the state plans to use formula funds awarded under section 6113(b) (1) for the development and implementation of state assessments in accordance with section 6111(1) and (2).*

As stated in the response to (1)(e) above, Illinois intends to use the federal assessment funds annually to address the grades that are federally required but not yet tested in the current state assessment (see Tables 2-4). This will mean continuing to assess in the current grade levels as approved and developing the assessment for grades 4, 6 and 7 in reading and mathematics:

- \$3 million for development of reading and mathematics ISAT for grades 4, 6 and 7 or its successor, and additional items for IMAGE and item tryouts on 2003 test;
- \$5 million for development of teacher materials to include formative and summative assessments; interpretation of data; improved feedback; and improved assessment literacy and professional development activities for PSAE, ISAT, and IMAGE or their successors;
- \$2 million for technology research and piloting of online testing;
- \$1.3 million for Electronic Reporting of Assessment Data (Interactive Report Card); and
- \$1 million for a student identifier system.

A major emphasis of the funds, as noted by the financial commitment outlined above and with the emphasis on teacher materials, is to improve classroom teacher knowledge and skills regarding assessment.

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