

# 2020-21 Illinois State Assessments

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**Update:** As the result of deep collaboration and engagement with Illinois schools and districts, ISBE has adopted changes to the 2021 state assessments.

ISBE has eliminated the PSAT 8/9 (for grade 9), PSAT 10 (for grade 10), DLM-AA (for grade 9), and DLM-AA (for grade 10) for spring 2021. ISBE has also eliminated the essay portion of the SAT for spring 2021 and any potential fall 2021 administration. ISBE will no longer be administering the ELA/L field test unit to participating districts. ALL schools will receive a shorter third unit and should plan for the approximate testing time to be between 10-20 minutes for students to complete.

ISBE will offer a choice between spring 2021 or fall 2021 assessments in an attempt to provide the most flexibility possible. The fall dates added for each assessment apply only to districts that have notified ISBE of their decision to utilize them. For districts that will to test in fall 2021, students will take the test that matches their spring 2021 grade level.

ISBE staff express our sincere appreciation for your cooperation and understanding as we work through the events at hand. Thank you for your patience.

<b>IAR for Grades 3-8</b> (Illinois Assessment of Readiness)						
Content Area	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ELA/Literacy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test Dates:	<p><b>Spring 2021:</b>  <b>Online: March 15, 2021 (earliest) – May 28, 2021 (latest)</b>  <b>Paper: March 15, 2021 (earliest) – May 14, 2021 (latest)</b></p> <p><b>Fall 2021:</b>  <i>(Only available for those districts that selected fall 2021.)</i>  <b>Note: In fall 2021, students will take the test that matches their spring 2021 grade level</b>  <b>Online: August 09, 2021 (earliest) – October 08, 2021 (latest)</b>  <b>Paper: August 09, 2021 (earliest) – September 24, 2021 (latest)</b></p>					

<b>DLM-AA for Grades 3-8 and 11*</b> (Dynamic Learning Maps-Alternate Assessment)							
Content Areas:	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 11
ELA/Literacy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science			✓			✓	✓
Test Dates:	<p><b>Spring 2021:</b>  <b>March 15, 2021 (earliest) – June 30, 2021 (latest)</b></p> <p><b>Fall 2021:</b>  <i>(Only available for those districts that selected fall 2021.)</i>  <b>Note: In fall 2021, students will take the test that matches their spring 2021 grade level.</b>  <b>August 9, 2021 (earliest) – September 30, 2021 (latest)</b></p> <p><i>Current grade 12 students without a valid grade 11 or 12 score or qualifying exemption from any previous grade 11 or 12 DLM-AA administration are rostered to take DLM-AA in spring 2021 in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics, but participation is now optional.</i></p>						

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<b><u>ISA</u> for Grades 5, 8, and 11</b> (Illinois Science Assessment)			
Content Area: Science	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
		✓	✓
Test Dates:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spring 2021:</b>  <b>March 15, 2021 (earliest) – June 30, 2021 (latest)</b>                      Note: ISBE will collect school level test windows by district level users via the ISBE Management button in ISBE Teach.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fall 2021:</b>  <b>(Only available for those districts that selected fall 2021.)</b>  <b>Note: In fall 2021, students will take the test that matches their spring 2021 grade level.</b>  <b>August 09, 2021 (earliest) – October 08, 2021 (latest)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grades 5, 8, and 11 students for whom DLM-AA is the more appropriate assessment will continue to participate in the DLM-AA science assessment in lieu of the ISA.</i></p>		

<b><u>ACCESS for ELLs™</u> for Grades K-12</b> (ACCESS for English Language Learners)													
Content Areas: Speaking Listening Reading Writing	Grade												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test Window:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spring 2021:</b>  <b>March 15, 2021 (earliest) – June 30, 2021 (latest)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fall 2021:</b>  <b>(Only available for those districts that selected fall 2021.)</b>  <b>Note: In fall 2021, students will take the test that matches their spring 2021 grade level.</b>  <b>July 01, 2021 (earliest) – September 17, 2021 (latest)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>There are no waiver windows this year. They are combined into a single window for school year 2021 to better accommodate hybrid instruction schedules.</i></p>												

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## **SAT® for Grade 11\***

**Content Areas:  
ELA/Literacy,  
Mathematics, Essay**

**As the result of deep collaboration and engagement with Illinois schools and districts, ISBE has eliminated the essay portion of SAT for spring 2021, and all district superintendents were invited to choose to administer the SAT in spring 2021 or fall 2021 (no essay).**

**Spring 2021:**

**Primary Test Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
Makeup Test Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
May Makeup Test Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021\*\*  
Accommodated Test Window: April 13-27, 2021**

**Fall 2021:**

**(Only available for those districts that selected fall 2021.)**

**Primary Test Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
Makeup Test Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021  
Accommodated Test Window: October 13-26, 2021**

*\*Current grade 12 students without a valid grade 11 or 12 score or qualifying exemption from any previous ISBE-provided SAT administration are rostered to take SAT in spring 2021, but participation is now optional.*

## **PSAT™ 10 for Grade 10**

**Content Areas:  
ELA/Literacy,  
Mathematics**

**As the result of deep collaboration and engagement with Illinois schools and districts, ISBE has eliminated the PSAT 10 administration for spring 2021.**

**No ISBE-provided administration of PSAT 10 will be offered in fall 2021, but districts that want to provide any College Board assessments in the fall may do so at their own expense.**

## **PSAT™ 8/9 for Grade 9**

**Content Areas:  
ELA/Literacy,  
Mathematics**

**As the result of deep collaboration and engagement with Illinois schools and districts, ISBE has eliminated the PSAT 10 administration for spring 2021.**

**No ISBE-provided administration of PSAT 8/9 will be offered in fall 2021, but districts that want to provide any College Board assessments in the fall may do so at their own expense.**

\*\*Schools should plan to administer SAT to all eligible students on the April 13, 2021, primary test date. The April 27, 2021, makeup date should be used to test any students who did not test on April 13, 2021. In order to provide additional flexibility and promote staff and student safety during the spring 2021 administration of SAT, ISBE and College Board are offering one additional makeup test date that will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. For any students who were unable to test on any April administration date, Test Coordinators should submit a request for makeup materials for the May 18, 2021, test date.

Contact the Department of Assessment at [assessment@isbe.net](mailto:assessment@isbe.net) if your district/school has scheduling conflicts.