Accountability for our State Learning Standards

State Testing Implications to Consider: Illinois School Report Card

The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) has been a part of the publicly reported Illinois School Report Card for over a decade. Before 2021, the ISA was given in 11th grade or biology classes and was not designed to assess NGSS.

The newly designed and administered Illinois Science assessment measures the NGSS based Illinois State Science Standards.

The new format of the test includes equal-parts items that measure a student's understanding of Life (Biology), Physical (Chem and Physics) and Earth/Space Science Standards. One third of the test is devoted to each of these content areas.

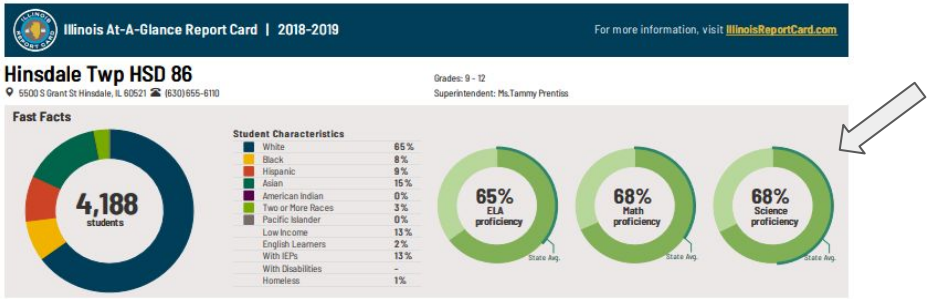


Table 1. Test Blueprint by Domain - Targeted Number of Dichotomous* (DCTMS) and Non-Dichotomous** (N-DCTMS) Items per Test

Reporting groups		Grade 5: DCTMS	Grade 5: N-DCTMS	Grade 8: DCTMS	Grade 8: N-DCTMS	HS: DCTMS	HS: N-DCTMS
Engineering Technology and Application of Science	Physical Science	13-16	3-6	13-16	3-6	15-21	3-6
	Life Science	13-16	3-6	13-16	3-6	15-21	3-6
	Earth and Space Science	13-16	3-6	13-16	3-6	15-21	3-6
Total Items in Test		**40-45**	**12-15**	**40-45**	**12-15**	**50-60**	**12-15**

ISBE | ISA 2.0 Blueprint

ENSURING THAT EVERY STUDENT IS PREPARED TO SUCCEED.

- Grades 5, 8, and 11
- Three test sections per grade – 96 items overall
- General science assessment
  - Life, physical, earth, and engineering technology (imbedded in LS, PS, ESS)
  - Content balanced across sections
    - Content -- 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 between LS, PS, ESS
    - Sections have content in different order
    - SEPs – science and engineering practices are tracked

State Testing Implications: Illinois School Designation

Starting in the Spring of 2020, all juniors in Illinois started taking the NGSS based ISA.

In the same way that the Math and the EBRW (ELA) sections of the SAT provide a measurement for every school, so will the ISA.

Starting in 2022, the ISA officially becomes a component that determines a school's Overall Designation: Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted, Comprehensive.

Category	HS Application
ELA Proficiency (7.5%)	Determined by SAT ERBW
Math Proficiency (7.5%)	Determined by SAT Math
Science Proficiency (5%)	Determined by ISA
ELPtP (5%)	ELL Student Progress measured by ACCESS test
Chronic Absenteeism (10%)	# of students missing more than 10% of school year
Climate Survey (6.67%)	Student participation in the 5 Essential Survey
9th Grade on Track (8.33%)	Freshman Academic Success
Graduation Rate (50%)	% of students who graduate in 4 years



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Schools in District

School Name	Grades	Summative Designation	School Name	Grades	Summative Designation
Hinsdale Central High School	9 - 12	Exemplary	Hinsdale South High School	9 - 12	Commendable