



# Illinois Science Assessment Individual Score Reports



# New for Spring 2025





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- **New Science Performance Level Descriptors**
- **New Science Proficiency Benchmarks**
- **New Science Cut Scores and Score Ranges**

## ASSESSMENT

### Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

## RESOURCES


- [2025-26 State Assessment Dates \(Updated 7/24/2025\)](#) 
- [Spring 2025 ISA Assessment Correction and Scores Review Procedures \(Posted 05/15/2025\)](#) 
- [Reason for No Valid Test Attempt \(IAR, ISA, ACT with Writing, PreACT Secure, PreACT 9 Secure, and DLM-AA\)](#) 
- [EPS - Steps to Add Test Coordinator Contacts](#) 

## ASSESSMENT

# ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (ISA)








In compliance with federal testing requirements, Illinois will administer a science assessment to students enrolled in a public school district in grades 5 & 8. The assessment will be administered in an online format and is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which were adopted in 2014.

**This Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) page will be updated as information becomes available.** Students who participate in the DLM alternate assessment will be assessed in science in grades 5 & 8 by the DLM-AA. Students taking the DLM-AA will not take the ISA exam. **The ISA is *not* an alternate assessment.**

- Test Window Dates: Monday, March 3, 2025 - Tuesday, April 30, 2025
- Please update your [district EPS contact information](#)  and add an ISA coordinator for your district.

### New, Unified Performance Levels and Right-Sized Proficiency Benchmarks for IAR, ISA, and ACT

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has adopted new, research-informed, and right-sized assessment performance levels to give students, families, and educators better data on academic achievement and college readiness. Prior performance levels mislabeled many students in elementary and high school, often indicating that students were less academically successful and prepared for college than they actually were. The new, unified levels correct long-standing misalignment between Illinois' state assessments and other real college and career readiness expectations.

- [ELA Cut Scores and Score Ranges](#) 
- [Math Cut Scores and Score Ranges](#) 
- [Science Cut Scores and Score Ranges](#) 
- [Performance Level Descriptors](#)
- Communications Toolkit
  - [Presentation](#) 
  - [Webinar Recording](#) 
  - [Topline Messages and Talking Points](#) 
  - [Fact Sheet for Parents](#) 



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Science Assessment Report, 2024-2025

The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is administered to meet requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA requires that states test students in science once in each of the following grade spans: 3-5 and 6-9. Illinois administers the ISA in Grades 5 and 8. The assessment is approximately two hours in duration. The results provide a high-level indicator of science performance and must be used in combination with other local data points to determine a student's overall proficiency in science. ISA results are intended to serve as a large-scale snapshot of science to shape instruction at the school and district levels.

To view a personalized video about FIRSTNAME's results and to learn more about the assessment, use the QR code shown to the right, or visit <https://familyportal.pearson.com/il>.

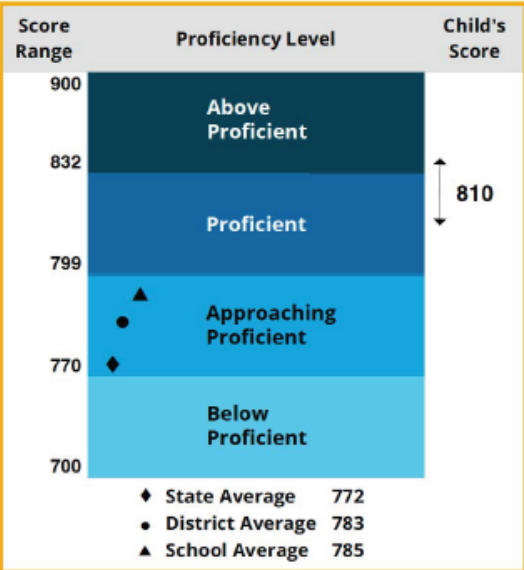


How Can I Use This Report?

The State Board of Education has divided ISA scores into four proficiency levels to describe current learning.

Ask your teachers:

- Can you provide examples of the skills and critical thinking abilities that are characteristic of different proficiency levels in 5th grade science? (for more information, visit <https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/reporting>)
- What does this report say about your child's current strengths and challenges?
- What they will be doing this year and what can be done at home to help your child make progress?



Your Child's Score

<<FIRSTNAME>> achieved a 5th grade score of **810** on the 2025 ISA. This score estimates current levels of academic skill and knowledge and current ability to apply that learning to new academic tasks. Higher scores normally reflect a stronger range of science knowledge and greater ability to apply that knowledge to more complex academic tasks and problems.

It is important to remember that your child's ISA score is an **estimate** of their current learning. Your child's score might be as much as **6.3** points higher or lower. This is the amount of change that would be expected in your child's score if he/she were to take the test many times. Small differences in scores should not be overinterpreted.

It is important to remember that past performance does not determine future academic growth and success. High quality education and student effort and engagement help shape future performance.



# Reporting Information

For additional resources including Test Administrator Manuals, Test Administrator Scripts, A

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## Reporting

### Report Guides

- DTC and STC User Guide for Monitoring Testing Progress and Identifying Test Sections for Makeup Testing
- Summative File Field Definitions Guide - June 2025
- ISA Score Interpretation Guide - Updated August 2025**
- Accessing PAN Reports in IL Admin Platform Guide
- Navigating Preliminary Student Reports

### Additional Resources

- IAR and ISA Performance Level Descriptors
- Cut Score Table

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Illinois Science Assessment  
Score Report  
Interpretation Guide



# Digital Individual Student Reports will be posted to the Illinois Administration Platform by September 30.



\*If you are a new School Test Coordinator and do not have access to the Illinois Administration Platform, contact your District Testing Coordinator.



# Report Assets

## Report Assets

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Individual Student Reports	School	2021-2022
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For more information about navigating preliminary performance reports and reporting assets, download the **Navigating Preliminary Student Reports** guide from the Illinois Support Site.

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For additional resources including Test Administrator Manuals, Test Administrator Scripts, and Test Administrator Reports, visit the [Reporting Information](#) page.

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# Navigating Preliminary Student Reports (Formerly OnDemand Reports)



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