

# Published Test Dates - ISA

<b>ISA for Grades 5, 8, and 11*</b> (Illinois Science Assessment)			
Content Area:	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Science	✓	✓	✓
Test Dates:	<b>March 2, 2020 (earliest) – April 30, 2020 (latest)</b> Note: ISBE will collect school level test windows by district level users via the ISBE Management button in ISBE Teach.  <i>*Beginning in spring 2020, all students who are grade 11 at the time of testing must participate in the ISA. This includes students who have participated in any ISA administration of course-based biology previously. Grade 11 students for whom DLM-AA is the more appropriate assessment will continue to participate in the grade 11 DLM-AA science assessment in lieu of the grade 11 ISA.</i>		

- Why is the ISA window not finalized?
  - Procurement of the science platform vendor is not yet complete
- Why is the ISA window longer than the IAR window?
  - To offer more flexibility in district scheduling



# Changes Coming for 2019-2020

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- Same platform
  - Procurement asked bidders to support and expand current ISBE Teach & ISBE Learn Systems
  - Adds item writing tool and item bank tool
- Transitioning Test Design
  - New blueprint approved by the Board April 17, 2019
  - Based on the recommendations of 60-person Science Steering Committee
  - Lengthens test at grades 5 & 8
  - Changes High School from a course-based Biology assessment to general Grade 11 assessment
    - Changes absolutely critical to meet federal assessment requirements



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# New ISA Blueprint

Table 1. Test Blueprint by Discipline

Reporting groups	Grade 5: 1 correct	Grade 5: >1 correct	Grade 8: 1 correct	Grade 8: >1 correct	Grade 11: 1 correct	Grade 11: >1 correct
Engineering Technology Application Science	Physical Science	13-16	13-16	13-16	15-21	3-6
	Life Science	13-16	13-16	13-16	15-21	3-6
	Earth and Space Science	13-16	13-16	13-16	15-21	3-6
<b>Total Items in Test</b>	<b>40-45</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>40-45</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>50-60</b>	<b>12-15</b>

Table 2. Test Blueprint by Science and Engineering Practice Set

Reporting groups	Grade 5: 1 correct	Grade 5: >1 correct	Grade 8: 1 correct	Grade 8: >1 correct	Grade 11: 1 correct	Grade 11: >1 correct
Total Items for SEP Set 1	14-18	4-6	14-18	4-6	17-23	4-6
Total Items for SEP Set 2	14-18	4-6	14-18	4-6	17-23	4-6
Total Items for SEP Set 3	11-13	3-4	11-13	3-4	12-18	3-4
<b>Total Items in Test</b>	<b>40-45</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>40-45</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>50-60</b>	<b>12-15</b>

**Note:** Tables 1 and 2 represent different mappings of the same set of multi-dimensional items. Their total rows count the same sets of items and should not be added together.





# New ISA Logistics

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- Collaboratively designed
  - ISBE, SIUC, UIC, SIUE, U Chicago, Achieve, IL educators
  - 4 Regional item writing cohorts gearing up
  - Interested in being an item writer? Email Angela Box at [abox@siu.edu](mailto:abox@siu.edu)
- 2 units per grade\*
  - ~45-55 minutes per unit at grades 5 and 8
  - ~55 to 60 minutes per unit at grade 11
    - Pursuing multiple options to support transition at high school



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\* Forms not yet finalized. Stay tuned for more details