

**Waterloo Community Unit School District No. 5
Curriculum Coordinator**

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TO: Mr. Brian Charron, Superintendent
Board of Education

FROM: Mr. John Schmieg, Curriculum Coordinator

February 2025 BOARD REPORT

Grants

Waterloo High School has applied for the Illinois Arts and Foreign Language Education Grant in the amount of \$96,000 to assist in the implementing the digital arts class to the Waterloo High School course offerings. We expect to hear about whether or not our application was accepted within the next few weeks. WHS received \$10,000 from the Illinois Art Council for the planning stage last school year.

2025 State Testing Dates:

Did you know that Waterloo CUSD #5 has 8 ELL students? They are participating in a statewide assessment called the WIDA ACCESS Test. Students are assessed in listening skills, reading skills, speaking skills and writing skills. Like all state assessment data, the schools and teachers uses the assessment data to determine what interventions, resources or changes in curriculum may be needed to address any student performing below grade level standards.

2025 State Testing Dates:

*** All tests are delivered via an online program.**

1. Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR): Grades 3-8 ELA and Math online testing window: March 3, 2025 (earliest) - April 18, 2025 (last day to test)
 - WJHS – April 1 - 3
2. Illinois Assessment of Science (ISA): Grade 3, 5, and 11 online testing window: March 3, 2025 (earliest) – April 30, 2025 (latest)
3. ACT with Essay: Grade 11 Primary Test Date: WHS will test April 10, 2025
4. PreACT for Grade 10: WHS will test April 10, 2025
5. PreACT 9 for Grade 9: WHS will test April 10, 2025
6. KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey) – Fall – Around 40 days of Student Attendance (Completed for 2024-2025)
7. WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – English Language Learners Testing Window 1/15/25-3/4/25 (paper for K, online for grades 1-12) Currently testing.