# Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA)

## 2014 Testing Dates

**February 24—March 21, 2014**

The assessment is administered once a year.

## What is IAA?

The IAA is designed to measure the learning of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom the ISAT or PSAE is not appropriate. The IAA is a performance-based assessment that uses on demand tasks, which are aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards. The IAA is based on alternate achievement standards in reading, mathematics, science, and writing at the grades corresponding to ISAT and PSAE.

### Assessment Content Areas

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## What is the purpose of this assessment?

IAA results for reading and mathematics are used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for schools, district, and state.

## Who should be tested?

The IAA is intended for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. These students have intellectual functioning well below average (typically associated with an IQ below 55) that exists concurrently with impairments or deficits in adaptive functioning (i.e. communication, self-care, home living, social/interpersonal skills, use of community resources, self-direction, functional academic skills, work, leisure, health and safety).

## How are results reported?

Results are reported at the student, class, school, network, district, and state levels. Parent reports are also available.

Scale score ranges define the performance level.

The performance levels are:
- Mastery
- Satisfactory
- Foundational
- Entry

## How are results used?

The results of the assessment are used for instructional planning, program improvement, and to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for schools, district, and the state.

The results give parents, teachers, and schools one measure of student learning.

## Where can I find additional information about IAA?

- ISBE: [http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/iaa.htm](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/iaa.htm)