# Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)

## 2014 Testing Dates
**March 3—14, 2014**

The assessment is administered once a year.

### What is ISAT?
The ISAT is the state achievement test for grades 3-8 public elementary school students. It measures individual student achievement relative to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS are statements which define a core of essential knowledge and skills that all Illinois students enrolled in public schools are expected to know and be able to do. ISBE plans to map all items on the 2014 ISAT reading and mathematics assessments to CCSS. The science assessments will be constructed using the existing science standards (Illinois Learning Standards).

### Assessment Content Areas

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### What is the purpose of this assessment?
ISAT results for reading and mathematics are used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for schools, district, and state.

### Who should be tested?
All students in the grades 3-8 must participate in ISAT, unless they meet the participation criteria for IAA.

### 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:
- Exceeds Standards
- Meet Standards
- Below Standards
- Academic Warning

The Stanford 10 component of the ISAT assessments will be removed from all ISAT assessments (reading, mathematics, and science). As a result, the information produced by the Stanford 10 assessments (National Percentile Rank, Stanine, and Lexile Level) will not be available in 2014.

### How are results used?
The results of the assessment are used for school wide goal 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 ISAT?
ISAT- [http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isat.htm](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isat.htm)