

# Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

## School Year 2019-2020 Testing Dates

Online: March 11, 2020 - April 24, 2020

Paper: March 11, 2020 - April 17, 2020

### What is the Illinois Assessment of Readiness?

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness is the state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students in public school districts. The IAR assesses the New Illinois Learning Standards, which incorporate Common Core Standards, and is administered in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The IAR ensures accountability for student learning and helps schools to identify trends over time and address opportunity and achievement gaps.

Test	Number of Units	Before/After Prep Time	Unit Time	Time for each Unit	Total Time
Math Grades 3-8	3	20	60	80	240
ELA Grade 3	2	25	75	100	200
ELA Grades 4-8	2	25	90	115	230

### What is the structure of the IAR?

The IAR has both ELA and Math sections. The ELA section is divided into two units, while Math is divided into three units. The units may be spread across different days, but each individual unit should be completed within a single testing session. The IAR may be administered on paper or online, although administration is scheduled to be entirely online by 2020.

### What kinds of questions are on the IAR?

The IAR assesses students on grade appropriate content aligned to Common Core standards and the Illinois Learning Standards in both ELA and Math. Both the ELA and Math sections include both multiple choice and constructed answers. For grades 6-8, the second and third units of the Math section require the use of a calculator. For grades 6-8, there are no constructed response items on the non-calculator portion of the test.

### How are IAR results reported and used?

Schools and families will receive machine scored results within one week and hand-scored results within one month of the end of the testing window. These results show how students are learning and growing compared to their peers statewide and measure both mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards and the College and Career Ready benchmarks of the SAT and PSAT.

### Where can I find additional information about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness?

**CPS staff** can find additional information on the CPS Knowledge Center IAR page here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/assessment/state-required-elementary-reading-and-math-assessment>

**Parents** can find additional information at <https://www.isbe.net/iar>

Visit [cps.edu/assessment](https://cps.edu/assessment) for information on Chicago Public Schools full assessment system.

