



Spring 2022,

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

During the current academic year, fifth and eighth grade students will be administered the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) as mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and United States Department of Education. This assessment is designed to assess the *Next Generation Science Standards* which were adopted by ISBE in 2014; see <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx> for additional information.

The ISA elementary and middle school testing window will be from March 16 to April 22, 2022. The ISA will be administered through an online platform; estimated testing time is approximately three hours. This assessment will consist of reading passages/scenarios with item types including multiple-choice, multiple-select and constructed response. Assessment content will include physical science, life science, earth/space science and engineering.

Schools will communicate additional information before the testing date. If you have additional questions regarding the ISA, please contact your school's principal.

Regards,

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