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TO: Principals, Test Coordinators

FROM: Department of Student Assessment

Cc: CAOs, ONS, AMPS, OEAS, OHSP

RE: Changes in CPS Assessment Calendar for 2009-2010

DATE: August 10, 2009

Dear All,

Please note the following changes from 2008-2009 to the CPS assessment calendars in 2009-2010.

Elementary Schools:

- There will be a third spring administration of the Reading and Math Benchmark Assessments for grades 3-8.
- There will be an alternate grade 8 EXPLORE test window to accommodate year round schools. The grade 8 EXPLORE test window for Track D and E year round schools will be September 14-23. The test window for all other schools (regular year and Tracks A, B, and C) will be September 28 – October 7.

High Schools:

- There will only be one Practice PSAE (Day 1 and 2) test offered. Please note on the calendar the window of time in which the test may be administered and the staggered deadlines for returning completed answer documents and receiving results.
- ISBE has suspended the Fall Grade 12 PSAE Retake and Grade 12 ACT test vouchers. Please refer to the following ISBE memorandum for further information regarding how grade 12 students who did not take the PSAE in grade 11 can fulfill the PSAE high school diploma requirement:
http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/2009/psae_sb2014.pdf
- *WorkKeys Locating Information* will not be offered for grade 12 students.

If you have any questions about these changes or other details on the calendars, please contact the Department of Student Assessment at (773) 553-2430.

Preliminary Overview of High School Assessment and Data Collections for 2009- 2010*

Assessment	Dates	Grade(s)	Subject(s)	Description	Purpose/Results	Info on the web/Contact person
EXPLORE	September 28 – October 7	9 <i>Required for all schools</i>	Reading English Math Science Reasoning	Multiple choice test in each subject – also includes an interest inventory & student survey	Gives information about student preparedness for future courses and college. Results provided via paper, REA principal login site, IMPACT CIM.	http://www.act.org/explore/ April Stevens @ 553-2430
PLAN	September 28 – October 7	10 <i>Required for all schools</i>	Reading English Math Science Reasoning	Multiple choice test in each subject – also includes an interest inventory & student survey	Gives information about student preparedness for future courses and college. Results provided via paper, REA principal login site, IMPACT CIM.	http://www.act.org/plan/ April Stevens @ 553-2430
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)	October 14 or 17	10 – 11 <i>Optional (school-based)</i>	Reading Mathematics Writing	Multiple choice test in each subject with a student-produced response in mathematics	Assess academic skills necessary for college level work, prepares students for the SAT, and is used as a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship and Recognition Program. Results are sent to participating schools.	http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html
HST/IDS Quarterly Assessments	October 26 – November 5 January 19 – 28 March 22 – April 16	9, 10, 11 <i>Required for IDS schools only</i>	English, Mathematics and Science	Multiple-choice and constructed response	Measure student achievement, inform instruction, and ensure students are prepared for end-of course exam content. Results via REA Principal login site and IDSS.	http://research.cps.k12.il.us/ Peg Bartz @ 553-2430
Assessing Communication and Comprehension in English from State to State (ACCESS)	January 25 – February 12 (listening, reading, writing) January 25 – March 5 (speaking)	9, 10, 11, & 12 <i>Required for ELL students only</i>	Speaking Listening Reading Writing	Multiple choice test (group) plus writing, listening, speaking	NCLB required assessment to determine English language proficiency. Results provided via paper, aggregate on REA Principal login site.	http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/html/access.htm http://www.wida.us/ OLCE: Sylvia Acierto @ 553-1974 Student Assessment: April Stevens @ 553-2430

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National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) State Pilot	January 25 – March 5	12 <i>Random sample of students from selected schools</i>	US History, Civics, Geography, and Writing		Multiple choice and constructed response test, and a subset of writing students participate in an interactive computer task.	Sample-based national assessment of fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth graders. No individual or school reports. CPS district, state, and national results available via web at http://nces.ed.gov .	http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/ Peg Bartz @ 553-2411
Practice PSAE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT plus Writing • WorkKeys -Applied Math -Reading for Information • ISBE science 	January 11 – February 10 Staggered Return of answer documents: <i>Return by January 22 for results available by January 29; return answer documents by February 10 for results by February 19.</i>	11 <i>Optional (Schools may participate in the one practice PSAE test offered during this window).</i>	Mock Day 1 ACT Reading English Math Science Reasoning Writing	Mock Day 2 Work Keys Reading for Information Applied Mathematics ISBE Science	Multiple choice plus writing	Gives students/schools the experience to become familiar with the format and content of the PSAE administered under similar conditions as required by the state. Practice PSAE results via REA Principal login site.	http://research.cps.k12.il.us April Stevens @ 553-2430
Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA)	February 22 – March 19	11 <i>Required for students not taking PSAE</i>	Reading, Math, & Science Writing		Performance-based event tasks	NCLB required assessment to measure students' progress toward state standards for eligible students with IEPs for whom PSAE is not appropriate. Results via REA Principal login site, IMPACT CIM.	http://www.isbe.net/assessment/iaa.htm Linda Abdul @ 553-2430

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Prairie Achievement Examination (PSAE)	April 28 – 29 Make-up Testing: May 12-13	11 <i>Required for all schools</i>	Day 1 ACT Assessment (Reading, English, Mathematics, Science, and Writing)	Day 2 Work Keys (Reading for Information and Applied Mathematics ISBE-developed Science)	Multiple choice tests plus one writing prompt	NCLB required assessment determines whether students leaving high schools meet state learning standards. Results via REA Principal login site, IMPACT CIM and school scorecard.	http://www.isbe.net/assessment/psae.htm April Stevens @ 553-2430
College Board Advanced Placement Exams	May 3 – 14	By subject/grade offered in schools	Twenty subject areas		Multiple choice and free response exams	Awards college credit or placement; results directly from College Board.	http://www.collegeboard.com/testing/
International Baccalaureate (IB)	TBD	By subject/grade offered in schools	Over forty subject areas		Multiple choice and free response exams	Results directly from IB program.	http://www.ibo.org/ Tom Jezuit @ 553-1783
HST/IDS Summative Exams	May 24 – June 11	9, 10, 11 <i>Required for IDS schools only</i>	English, Mathematics and Science		Multiple-choice and constructed response	Provide information about what and how much students learned and ensure their preparedness for the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). Results via paper, REA Principal login site and IDSs.	http://research.cps.k12.il.us/ Peg Bartz @ 553-2430
CPS Grade 11 Field Test	May 24 – June 11	11 <i>Required for all schools</i>	English, Mathematics and Science		Multiple-choice and constructed response	Collect information on grade 10 assessment questions and link results to the PSAE scale. No individual or school level results available.	http://research.cps.k12.il.us/cps/ Peg Bartz @ 553-2430

***Note that details regarding other possible assessment options may be forthcoming. Please check back for updates. Also note that some schools may also be asked to participate in other national research studies; schools may determine if they will participate.**