

# **MCHS: Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Information**

March 2021

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

This communication will provide you with updated information about the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) that all juniors will be required to take during the week of March 15-19. Please read the information below to learn about the ISA and when your child will take it.

## **What is the ISA?**

- The ISA aligns with our Illinois Learning Standards in science and it represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements. The ISA is designed to reflect classroom experiences. Students do not simply select an answer and fill in the bubble of a multiple-choice test. Rather, the ISA pushes students to apply their knowledge when they give answers, thus better preparing them for higher education and a career.
- The ISA has three sections and is untimed. The average student time-on-task is estimated at 120 minutes. We encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of doing their best on the ISA, while communicating that the assessment yields only one piece of information about them and their school's progress.

## **Which students will take the ISA during their science classes beginning Monday, March 15th?**

- In-person students who currently have a science class.
- In-person students who attend Project Indian.

## **Which students will take the ISA on Wednesday, March 17th?**

- Remote students.
- In-person students who currently do NOT have a science class.
- Students who attend Premier Academy or River's Edge Academy.

## **What time should students report to Central Campus on Wednesday, March 17th?**

- Group 1 students should report to Central Campus by 7:45am. Testing will begin at 8am. Students will be done at approximately 11am.

- Group 2 students and students who attend Premier or River's Edge Academy should report to Central Campus by 12pm. Testing will begin at 12:15pm. Students will be done at approximately 3pm.

### **Will transportation be provided on Wednesday, March 17th?**

- Students who need transportation to Central Campus must complete THIS FORM by March 10th.
- Students who do not need transportation can be dropped off at the front entrance or park in the front parking lot on March 17th.

### **Where should my student go on Wednesday, March 17th?**

- Students will test in the cafeteria, Performing Arts Center, the Library, and classrooms.
- Students will be sent a reminder and a list that contains their student ID number and associated testing location prior to March 17th. This email will go to their MCHS email addresses.
- Since it is an online assessment, students do not need to bring anything.

If you have additional questions about the ISA, please feel free to contact Janel Grzetich at [jgrzetich@mchs.net](mailto:jgrzetich@mchs.net).

Sincerely,

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