

District-Wide Testing Program

Kankakee School District 111 relies on many local, state and national assessments to guide improvement. Below are some of the assessments used by Kankakee School District 111 staff, students and parents.

STATE LEVEL TESTING

ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Tests)/PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Exam) All third through eighth grade students in Illinois are given the ISAT to assess reading, writing and mathematics skills as they relate to the State Learning Standards. Fourth and seventh grade students are assessed in science. The PSAE is the series of tests given to eleventh grade students to assess their achievement relative to the State Standards. The PSAE comprises the ACT Assessment, WorkKeys test in reading and Mathematics, and science tests developed by representative groups of the State Board of Education.

IAA (Illinois Alternative Assessment)

The Illinois alternate Assessment (IAA) is designed for students with Individualized Education Programs for whom all other state assessments are inappropriate, even with accommodations, because of their disabilities.

ACCESS

ACCESS stands for *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners*. It is a large-scale test of English language proficiency based on the English language development standards that form the core of the WIDA Consortium's approach to instructing and assessing English language learners in grades K-12. The ACCESS test assesses students' English language proficiency in five areas: Social and Instructional Language (SI), which incorporates proficiencies needed to deal with the general language of the classroom and the school; English Language Arts (LA), Mathematics (MA), Science (SC), and Social Studies (SS). It is a secure assessment given annually during a specific testing window in January

PERFORMANCE SERIES

Performance Series from Scantron is a computer-adaptive test that lets us quickly pinpoint the proficiency level of students in grades 2-10, in Reading and Mathematics that correspond with the Illinois State standards. This provides for more accurate student placement; diagnosis of instructional needs, including instructional adjustments; and measurement of student gains across reporting periods. This test will be given three times a year to students in grades 2-10.

EXPLORE

EXPLORE is administered to all eighth and ninth grade students in October. It enables students to explore a broad range of options for their future. The EXPLORE programs prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well.

PLAN

PLAN is administered to tenth grade students in October to build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and to provide information needed to address the school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM

The Advanced Placement Exam is available to students who are taking Advanced Placement courses. AP Exams give AP students the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities.