

March 5, 2021

Dear CCA Parents and Guardians,

Students in grades 3-8 will take the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR), formerly PARCC state-required performance test beginning Monday, March 15, 2021 through May 2021. The students will be assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. District 149 will assess using the computer-based version by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for students in grades 3-8. Based upon our technology readiness.

Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will begin taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) May 3rd. The ISA aligns with our new Illinois Learning Standards in Science. The ISA has *three sections and is untimed*. The average student time-on-task *is estimated at 120 minutes*.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR STUDENT OR STUDENTS ARE PRESENT EACH DAY OF THE TEST IN UNIFORM, ALONG WITH MASKS AND PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING. EACH HOMEROOM WILL BE SPLIT INTO AM AND PM SESSIONS ALLOWING A LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTING AT A TIME. ADVISORY TEACHERS WILL LET YOU KNOW IF YOU WILL BE IN THE AM OR PM SESSION.

The assessments are timed, and the following chart explains the time allowed per test by grade level:

GRADE	ELA 1	ELA 2	ELA 3	MATH 1	MATH 2	MATH 3	Science 1	Science 2	Science 3
7TH	90	90	20	60	60	60			
8TH	90	90	20	60	60	60	Untimed	Untimed	Untimed

Creative Academy Testing Schedule

Grade/Advisory Teacher	Dates	Grade/Advisory Teacher	Dates
7A: Grimes – ELA & Math	March 15, 19, 29, April 28	8A: Stone-Daniels – ELA&Math	March 17, 24, 31, April 29
7B: Brundige – ELA&Math	March 15, 19, 29, April 27	8B: Scott – ELA & Math	March 17, 24, 31, April 29
7C: Williams – ELA&Math	March 16, 23, 30, April 27	8C: Smith – ELA & Math	March 18, 25, April 26, 30
7D: Rigor – ELA & Math	March 16, 23, 30, April 28	8D: Nimri – ELA & Math	March 18, 25, April 26, 30
CC: Blair – ELA & Math	May 3, 4, 5, 6	Make-up Days	April 1, May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

*** Advisory teachers will let you know if you will be in the AM or PM session. ***

Testing Dates	AM Arrival	AM Dismissal	PM Arrival	PM Dismissal
March 15, 16, 17 & 18	8:20 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
March 19, 23, 24 & 25	8:20 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
March 29, 30, 31, & April 26	8:20 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
April 27, 28, 29 & 30	8:20 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.

**Transportation schedules are forthcoming. **

Please remember that it is extremely important that students arrive to school on time for their assigned session and prepared to do their best on this assessment. **Students are expected to wear their school uniforms and will need to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth. Students will need to bring their personal headphones with an auxiliary input connection on their testing day. Students must follow all social distancing guideline set forth by the CDC.** You can prepare them by making sure that they have a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. If you have, any questions please feel free to give us a call.

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