

# The Illinois Science Assessment

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Dear Crete-Monee High School Families:

This April, Illinois students in Grades 5, 8, and Biology will take the Illinois Science Assessment. This assessment is designed to measure student learning on the Illinois Science Standards incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These standards were adopted in 2014.

All of these tests will be done online in a single testing session lasting approximately one hour. Students in Mrs. Werner, Ms. Williams, Ms. O'Sullivan, and Mrs. Valiska's classes are eligible to take the assessment. The students will participate in the test during their regularly scheduled Biology period.

Each test will begin with reading passages, called scenarios, and will be followed by a series of test items. Some items will be open-ended, some will be multiple-choice and some will be multiple-select (more than one correct response). Other items will involve dropdown selections. Each test will also include stand-alone, multiple-choice items that do not follow a scenario.

For Grades 5 and 8, test items are aligned to Physical Science (PS), Life Science (LS), Earth/Space Science (ESS) and Engineering (ETS). The high school assessment is for students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in their first Biology course with the test content aligned to Biology 1.

You may access sample test items online at <http://osse.dc.gov/node/1111507>.

For more information about the new Illinois Learning Standards for Science, please visit <http://www.isbe.net/nils/science/default.htm>

As with any state assessment, we ask in that in preparation for testing, your child get plenty of sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school prepared to do their best.

Thank you for your support in making this a successful experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Triche

Principal