

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our students take federally required assessments every spring. These assessments help us understand how our students are growing academically, compared to their peers across the state. The state uses this information to provide more support and resources to the schools in the greatest need. This year students will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in both English language arts and math. The test aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards and measures students' problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and writing skills. Students in 5th grade and 8th grade will also take the Illinois Science Assessment. (ISA)

Between mid-March and mid-May, all students will take the assessments **in person at their school**. Schedules are in place that allow for students who are currently in a remote setting to take the assessment in person. Communication regarding your child's specific testing schedule, transportation, and assessment attendance dates will come directly from your child's school in the coming week.

Plainfield Consolidated Community District 202 utilizes several types of assessments to develop, refine, and improve their instructional programs in order to continually challenge students and increase student achievement. This has been a truly unique year for our students, and this is just one set of data that will help us to assess your child's progress as we plan for the 21-22 school year. No test provides a complete picture of student performance, and the IAR exam results are simply one of many factors that we use to measure progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the IAR or the ISA assessment, please contact your child's teacher or school administration. You can also visit <https://www.isbe.net/iar> for more information on the IAR assessment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Wood".

Dr. Glenn Wood
Assistant Superintendent
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