



# Flossmoor School District 161

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Dear District 161 Parents and Guardians,

District 161 students will take the annual Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) assessments during March and April. Students in grades three through eight will take the PARCC assessment in Math and English Language Arts (ELA). Fifth and eighth grade students will also take the ISA. The PARCC assessment is a computer based, Common Core aligned assessment and will provide information on students' progress towards meeting grade-level expectations as defined by the Common Core Standards. The links below will provide additional information on the PARCC assessments.

<http://www.understandthescore.org>

<http://www.parcconline.org>

**The District 161 testing window for PARCC is April 3 - 20, 2018 and the ISA testing window is March 5 - 23, 2018. Each District 161 school will share schedules with families.**

The time frames for each testing session are below:

| Test / Grade Level     | Unit 1                | Unit 2  | Unit 3  | Unit 4 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| ELA Grade 3            | 75 min                | 75 min  | 75 min  | N/A    |
| ELA Grades 4-5         | 90 min                | 90 min  | 90 min  | N/A    |
| ELA Grades 6-8         | 90 min                | 90 min  | 90 min  | N/A    |
| Math Grades 3-5        | 60 min                | 60 min  | 60 min  | 60 min |
| Math Grades 6 and 8    | 80 min                | 80 min* | 80 min* | N/A    |
| Math Grade 7           | 80 min*               | 80 min* | 80 min* |        |
| Science Grades 5 and 8 | 60 min (1 assessment) |         |         |        |

\* Denotes a calculator assessment. Parker Junior High will share the PARCC calculator policy with families.

The ISA is an hour-long summative assessment. The results provide administrators with important data to help make broad decisions at the school and district levels. The links below provide more information on the ISA. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx>

<https://teach-isa.ileducates.org/tutorial>

Please feel free to contact our Department of Learning and Instruction with any questions or suggestions at 708-647-7016.

Thank you,

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