



March 25, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of QPS Remote Learners,

Our students in grades 3-8 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 Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) then uses this information to provide more support and resources to the schools with the greatest need. The required English Language Arts and Math assessment for grades 3-8 is called the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)**. The required Science assessment for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only is called the **Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)**.

Unlike MAP testing, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the US Department of Education require the IAR, and ISA assessments be completed in-person for test security reasons. This will require remote learners to come into school to complete Spring 2021 state testing. We are asking all parents of QJHS remote students to notify us of your intent to have your student come into the building to complete the test(s). This can be done by calling QJHS or completing an online survey, which is linked on the attached page. Below is our testing schedule we will use to fulfill the in-persons testing requirements for our students who are currently remote learners.

**Monday, May 3**

- IAR ELA #1 (all grades)

**Tuesday, May 4**

- IAR ELA #2 (all grades)

**Thursday, May 6**

- IAR ELA # 3 and IAR Math #1 (all grades)

**Monday, May 10**

- IAR Math #2 (all grades)

**Tuesday, May 11**

- IAR Math #3 (all grades)

**Thursday, May 13**

- ISA Session 1 and 2 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

- Possible IAR Makeup Tests

**Monday, May 17**

- ISA Session 3 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

- Possible IAR Makeup Tests

We realize you may have some concerns with bringing your child to school for in-person required state testing. If you have questions about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, please reach out to Andy Hoskins at 217-222-3073 (ext. 4) or by e-mail at [hoskinan@qps.org](mailto:hoskinan@qps.org).

As always, thank you for your partnership with QPS in your student's education.

Sincerely,

Dan Sparrow

QJHS Principal



## Additional Information

### **Sign-Up Procedure**

[Click here to be taken to an online survey to inform QJHS if you will or will not bring your student into the building for testing.](#) You may also call the QJHS Main Office at 217-222-3073 (extension 4) to notify us of your intent to bring your student into the building to test. A secretary will be available to answer your call on Monday through Wednesday during Spring Break. Please complete this by April 7, 2021 as we will reach out to you after this date if we haven't heard from you.

### **Day of Test Procedures**

All tests will start promptly at 3:30 p.m. on the dates listed below. Students should arrive at 3:15 p.m. and enter through the main entrance on 14<sup>th</sup> street. They should be picked up at the same entrance when their tests are complete. Students may leave as soon as they are finished and will have access to a phone, but they must be picked up no later than the time listed (on each date). Normal school expectations will be in place, including social distancing and always wearing masks. Parents or visitors will not be allowed inside of the building. If students cannot meet these expectations, parents will be notified to come pick up their child.

### **Test Protocols/Expectations**

1. Students will check in to registration table inside of QJHS main entrance at 3:15
2. All cell phones should be turned off and kept away in the testing room. Once a student completes their test and has left the testing room, they may turn their phone on and call parents for a ride.
3. ***Masks will be worn at all times while inside of Quincy Junior High School.***
4. ***Testing classrooms will have a maximum of 25 students.***
5. Tests will be completed on school Chromebooks.
6. **Students must bring in earbuds for the ELA tests.**
7. When a student is finished, they will leave the testing room and call for a ride (on personal phone or in the Main Office by entrance).

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### Testing Calendar

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  - Pick up when test is finished/no later than 5:15

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- IAR ELA #2 (all grades)
  - Pick up when test is finished/no later than 5:15

Thursday, May 6

- IAR ELA # 3 and IAR Math #1 (all grades)
  - Pick up when test is finished/no later than 5:15

Monday, May 10

- IAR Math #2 (all grades)
  - Pick up when test is finished/no later than 4:45

Tuesday, May 11

- IAR Math #3 (all grades)
  - Pick up when test is finished/no later than 4:45

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