



2014 PSAE General Updates

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Purpose of PSAE

- The major purpose of the PSAE is to measure the **Illinois Learning Standards** in the following areas: **Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing**.
- Scores for and participation of grade 11 students in reading and mathematics contribute to school, district, and state Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).
- The PSAE provides these bonuses:
 - ACT Plus Writing Scores reportable to colleges
 - ACT WorkKeys Scores for *Applied Mathematics* and *Reading for Information*



Purpose of PSAE (cont'd)

- The PSAE recognizes the achievement of individual students. Students who achieve Exceeds Standards in any content area receive a Prairie State Achievement Award certificate to recognize this performance.
- Effective August 2004 (Public Act 93-857), legislation requires all students to take the PSAE as a condition of receiving a regular high school diploma, unless a student is exempt.
- ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) (with qualifying scores on three WorkKeys tests) ACT WorkKeys *Locating Information* must be administered after PSAE Day 2 to be eligible (optional at a district level)



Definition of Grade 11 and Impact on Testing

- Grade 11 is defined by ISBE in Rule as, "...the point in time when a student has earned the number of credits necessary for enrollment in grade 11, as determined by his or her school district..."
- Additionally, ISBE Rule states that, "...A district shall not promote a student to grade 12 status until that student has taken either the PSAE or IAA, as applicable."
- More information is online at www.isbe.net/assessment

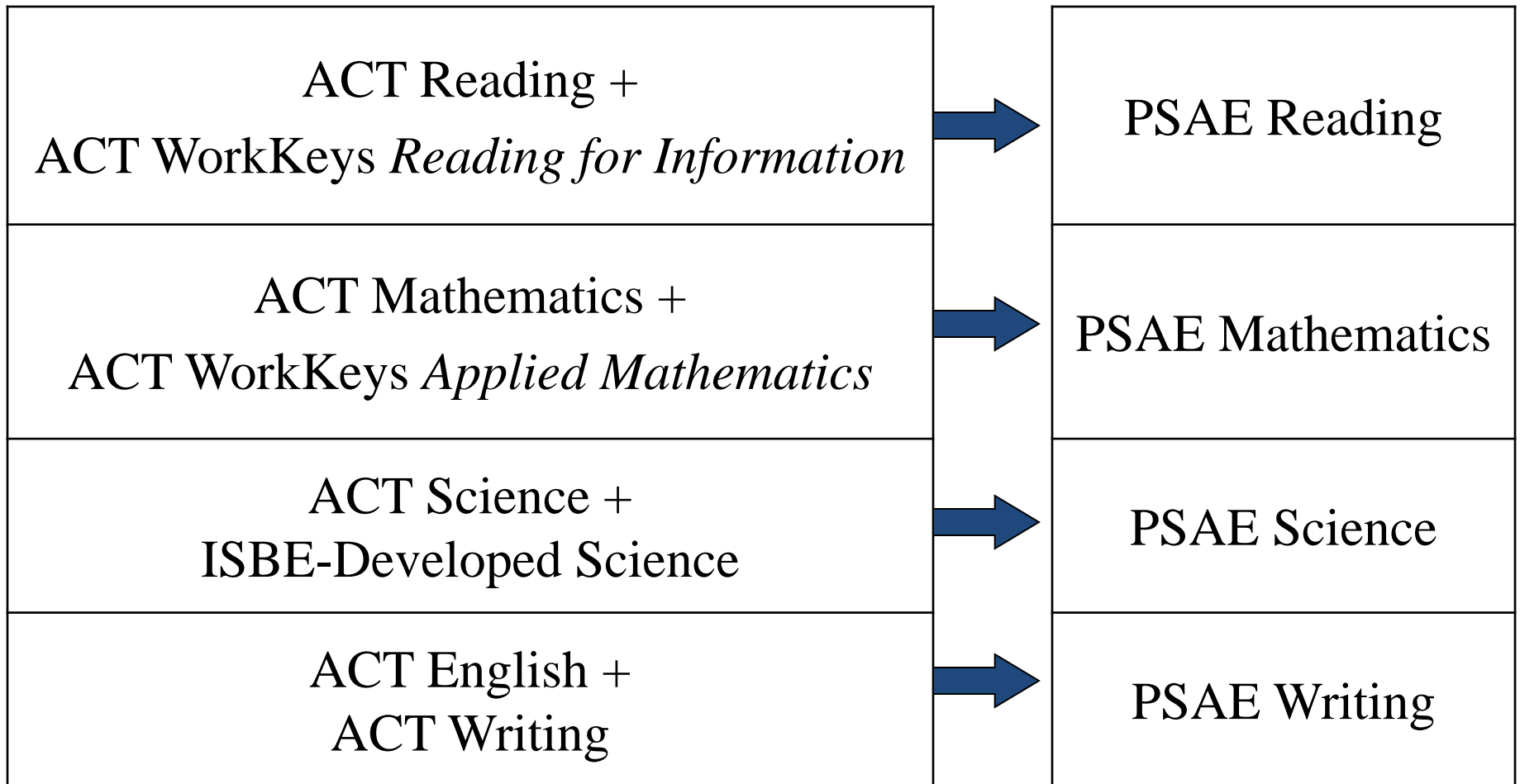


PSAE Contractor

- ACT is ISBE's primary contractor for the PSAE.
- Pearson is ACT's subcontractor for PSAE Day 2 test materials.



Test Components





ACT WorkKeys *Locating Information*

- For the second time in spring 2014, ISBE is providing the ACT WorkKeys *Locating Information* test to enable students with eligible scores to qualify for ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)
- *Locating Information* is not part of PSAE and is not required
- Scores earned on *Locating Information* are sent to where students test and are not part of PSAE reporting
- Districts who administer *Locating Information* must administer it immediately following the *Reading for Information* test on PSAE Day 2 (accommodations testing schedules may vary)
- More information is posted online at www.isbe.net/assessment/psae.htm



PSAE Day 1 Standard-Time Test Administration Schedule

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

- ACT English Test – 45 minutes (75 questions)
- ACT Mathematics Test – 60 minutes (60 questions)

[required 15-minute break]

- ACT Reading Test – 35 minutes (40 questions)
- ACT Science Test – 35 minutes (40 questions)

[required 5-minute break]

- ACT Writing – 30 minutes (1 essay prompt)



PSAE Day 2 Standard-Time Test Administration Schedule

Thursday, April 24, 2014

- ISBE-Developed Science— 40 minutes
(45 questions)
- ACT WorkKeys *Applied Mathematics*— 45 minutes
(33 questions)
[required 15-minute break]
- ACT WorkKeys *Reading for Information*— 45 minutes
(33 questions)
- ACT WorkKeys *Locating Information* – 45 minutes
(38 questions) *Optional per district decision-not part of PSAE*



PSAE Day 1 and Day 2 Standard-Time Makeup Test Administration Schedule

- Standard-time makeup testing –
May 7 - 8, 2014 (Day 1 and/or Day 2)
- Different (but equivalent) forms used for makeup testing
- Same test administration schedule as initial standard-time testing in April



PSAE Accommodations Test Administration Schedule

- Day 1 accommodations testing window –
(as early as) April 23, 2014, until (as late as) May 7, 2014
- Day 2 accommodations testing window –
(as early as) April 24, 2014, until (as late as) May 8, 2014
- Different (but equivalent) forms used for accommodations testing



Questions?

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