

# COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Coal City Intermediate School 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the annual state science assessments over 3 days next week on April 23, 24 and 25. **Attendance is VERY important.** *Please change any doctor appointments if possible.*

All students in Illinois in grades 5, 8 and 11 take the **Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)**. The ISA assesses the progress of students in meeting the Illinois Learning Standards in Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The 5<sup>th</sup> grade ISA will have test questions aligned to Physical Science, Life Science, Earth/Space Science and Engineering.

The ISA consist of three assessments that will take approximately 45-60 minutes each; however, students have a maximum of 2 hours to take each test.

We ask parents/guardians to avoid appointments and/or vacations during our testing dates. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. We would like to thank you for all your help and support in helping our students grow and develop, and we look forward to seeing how the students perform on the state tests. Attendance is very important during the testing week. Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and try their best!

An ISA Practice test is available at:

<https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/science/>

If you have any questions about ISA testing please contact the CCIS Office at 815-634-2182 Ext. 0 or email me at [tcarlson@coalcityschools.org](mailto:tcarlson@coalcityschools.org).

Sincerely,

*Tracy Carlson*

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