

2025-2026 Assessment Results

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Understanding ISBE's 4 Performance Levels



Below Proficient

Developing core academic concepts; benefits from focused skill reinforcement and targeted foundational support.



Approaching Proficient

Demonstrates functional reading/math; refining complex multi-step problem solving under timed testing constraints.



Proficient

Fully meets 11th-grade state learning standards; demonstrates independent mastery of complex high school concepts.



Above Proficient

Exceeds grade-level expectations; demonstrates advanced analytical synthesis and post-secondary readiness.





Cut Scores and Benchmarks

ISBE State Cut Scores

- **Purpose:** Evaluates 11th-grade mastery of Illinois Learning Standards for state accountability.
- **Design:** Aligned by Illinois educators to local post-secondary placement expectations (e.g., placing into entry college English/Math).
- **Focus:** Current high school junior performance and grade-level learning progress.
- **Diagnostic Value:** Junior ACT scores serve as a roadmap for senior year coursework, dual-credit enrollment, and targeted academic interventions.

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

- **Purpose:** Predicts long-term post-secondary course success upon high school graduation.
- **Design:** Research-backed standard indicating a 50% chance of earning a 'B' or higher in gateway college courses.
- **Focus:** Predictive readiness after completing full 12th-grade coursework.

Proficiency is NOT Basic Literacy

- **Timed Rigor, Not Baseline Capability:** High school ACT assessments do not test basic reading decoding or simple arithmetic. They evaluate dense textual synthesis, multi-step problem solving, and pace.
- **Functional Competency:** Students in "Approaching Proficient" can read, write, and execute algebra effectively—they are simply building endurance for complex standardized formats.
- **Continuous Growth:** Scoring below a single-day cut score is a snapshot of progress, not a ceiling on student ability.



11th Grade vs. Graduating Benchmarks

- **Mid-Point Assessment:** ISBE scores measure juniors halfway through high school upperclassman instruction.
- **Senior Year Trajectory:** ACT national benchmarks anticipate a student completing full senior-year courses.
- **Local Validity:** ISBE benchmarks reflect real placement standards at Illinois public universities and colleges.
- **Actionable Diagnostic:** Identifies specific skill gaps to address during senior elective and intervention planning.



Spring 2026 ACT-Class of 2027



Class of 2027-Current Seniors

	ACT CR BENCHMARK	ISBE CUT SCORE	LHS SPRING 26	Percentile Rank
ENGLISH	18	18	21.7	Approx 73
MATH	22	19	22.9	Approx 77
READING	22	18	22.2	Approx 67
SCIENCE	23	19	22.1	Approx 71
WRITING	NA	NA	7.8	Approx 89
COMP	NA	NA	22.3	Approx 73.5

The writing test is on a 12 point scale. Computer tests are scored by an automated scoring engine. Discrepancies are evaluated by human reviewers. Percentile information found at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/national-ranks.html>

Class of 2027-Current Seniors

	LHS SPRING 25	LHS FALL 25	LHS SPRING 26
ENGLISH	18.2	19.2	21.7
MATH	20.8	21.4	22.9
READING	21.5	23.1	22.2
SCIENCE	19.7	21.1	22.1
COMP	20.2	21.2	22.3

Class of 2027-Current Seniors

	ISBE BENCHMARK	ILLINOIS AVERAGE	LHS AVERAGE
ENGLISH	18	18	21.7
MATH	19	19.1	22.9
READING	18	19.5	22.2
SCIENCE	19	19.2	22.1
COMP		18.9	22.3

Class of 2027-Current Seniors

	Number Proficient/Above Proficient	Percent At/Above Cut Score
ELA	252	79.4
MATH	216	68.1
SCIENCE	232	73.1

*Proficiency indicates the number of students who scored at or above the ISBE cut score.



ACT Score Comparison

Class Of	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2014	21.8	22.4	22.4	22.3	22.3
2015	21.9	22.2	22.1	22.3	22.2
2016	22.6	22.9	22.2	22.5	22.7
2026	21.5	22.4	21.5	21.9	21.9
2027	21.7	22.9	22.2	22.1	22.3

Spring 2026 PreACT-Class of 2028



Class of 2028-Current Juniors				
	ISBE BENCHMARK (PreACT)	LHS SPRING 25 (PreACT 9)	LHS FALL 25 (PreACT)	LHS SPRING 26 (PreACT Secure)
ENGLISH	15	18.4	18.1	18.1
MATH	18	20.8	19.8	21.4
READING	15	19.5	21.7	20.9
SCIENCE	16	18.4	19.5	19.7
COMP		19.4	19.9	20.1

Class of 2028-Current Juniors

	Number Proficient/Above Proficient	Percent At/Above Cut Score
ELA	224	72.9
MATH	188	61.2
SCIENCE	216	70.3

*Proficiency indicates the number of students who scored at or above the ISBE cut score.

Spring 2026 PreACT-Class of 2029



Class of 2029-Current Sophomores

	ISBE BENCHMARK (PreACT 9)	LHS FALL 25 (PreACT)	LHS SPRING 26 (PreACT 9 Secure)
ENGLISH	14	15.5	17.6
MATH	17	18.2	20.2
READING	14	20.2	20
SCIENCE	14	18.2	19.5
COMP		18.0	19.3

Class of 2029-Current Sophomores

	Number Proficient/Above Proficient	Percent At/Above Cut Score
ELA	257	81.3
MATH	231	73.1
SCIENCE	243	76.8

*Proficiency indicates the number of students who scored at or above the ISBE cut score.

2026 FALL TESTING INFO



FALL TESTING IS OCTOBER 7

New ENHANCED PreACT

- Fully Aligns with Spring Enhanced tests
- Shorter Passages in English and Reading
- Reduced Answer Choice for Math Section
- Composite Score is E+M+R



Enhanced PreACT Test Logistics

The enhanced PreACT® has 153 questions across four sections:

- English – 48 questions, 12 of which are unscored
- Math – 36 questions, 4 of which are unscored
- Reading – 33 questions, 8 of which are unscored
- Science – 36 questions, 6 of which are unscored

About **20%** of the test is *unscored items* called Field Test questions. Neither the students nor the school district know which questions are field test questions.



Advanced Placement Results



Advanced Placement at LHS

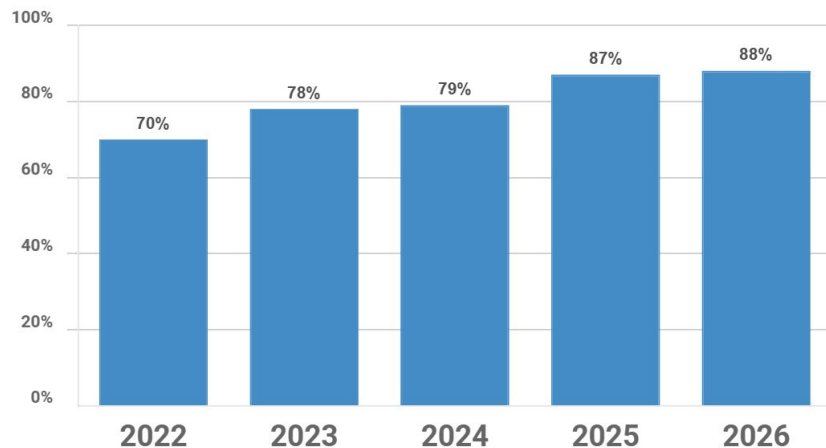
- All AP teachers attend College Board training
- AP curriculum is set and determined by the College Board
 - All AP teachers must submit a syllabus that includes all units of instruction, major themes, activities and projects to College Board for approval
 - Textbook selection must also meet College Board requirements
- All students who are in an Advanced Placement course at LHS sit for the exam



5 Year AP Performance



% OF TOTAL AP STUDENTS WITH SCORES 3+



SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total AP Students	518	472	513	551	643
Number of Exams	878	850	980	1,032	1,175
AP Students with Scores 3+	361	366	405	480	567
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	69.69	77.54	78.95	87.11	88.18



EXAM	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	LHS AVERAGE	GLOBAL AVERAGE	LHS 3 OR HIGHER	GLOBAL 3 OR HIGHER
BIOLOGY	36	3.36	3.19	88.9	71.2
CALCULUS	37	3.84	3.93	83.8	81.9
CHEMISTRY	44	3.14	3.35	77.3	76.9
COMPUTER SCIENCE A	13	3.62	3.26	92.3	68.2
COMPUTER SCI PRINCIPLES	20	3.35	2.89	75.0	62.3
ENGLISH LANG AND COMP	144	3.51	3.21	87.5	74.5
ENV SCIENCE	15	3.27	3.14	73.3	70.5
GOV AND POLITICS	143	4.03	3.42	95.8	75.7
HUMAN GEO	117	3.79	3.23	87.2	67.0
MACROECON	76	3.89	3.22	93.4	68.5

EXAM	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	LHS AVERAGE	GLOBAL AVERAGE	LHS 3 OR HIGHER	GLOBAL 3 OR HIGHER
MICROECON	76	3.28	3.32	76.3	70.5
NETWORKING	26	3.73	3.26	84.6	69.5
PHYSICS 1	65	3.28	3.19	84.6	69.4
PHYSICS 2	17	3.47	3.43	76.5	74.7
PSYCHOLOGY	101	3.45	3.33	76.2	74.4
SPANISH LANG	26	3.31	3.50	69.2	81.6
STATISTICS	36	3.83	3.02	94.4	63.3
U.S. HISTORY	93	3.62	3.29	91.4	73.5
WORLD HISTORY	88	3.78	3.21	90.9	65.9
2D ART	8	3.13	3.35	87.5	84.3

Advanced Placement Student Recognition



Advanced Placement Award Categories

The College Board keeps record of a student's career AP exam performance, and awards those who excel as described below:

- **AP Scholar** - Students who complete 3 or more exams with scores of 3 or higher
- **AP Scholar with Honor** - Average score of at least 3.25 on all exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams
- **AP Scholar with Distinction** - Average of at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams

LHS Advanced Placement Student Recognition

Award Level	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Scholar	75	62	87	85	83
Scholar with Honor	24	32	37	43	53
Scholar with Distinction	38	52	76	84	100
Total Awardees	137	146	200	212	236

Estimated College Savings with AP Credit

Based on published tuition and fees, the average cost of a **college credit hour** is*:

- **\$161** for students at two-year public, in-district schools
- **\$456** for students at four-year public, in-state colleges
- **\$1,177** for students at four-year public, out-of-state colleges
- **\$1,642** for students at four-year private, nonprofit colleges

*<https://www.lendingtree.com/student/cost-per-credit-hour-study/>

Award Level	2026	Minimum Credits Earned	Average Savings in State	Average Savings Out of State
Scholar	83	9	\$4104	\$10,593
Scholar with Honor	53	12	\$5472	\$14,124
Scholar with Distinction	100	15	\$6840	\$17,655

To Be Continued...

- Release of School Report Card
- Illinois Benchmark Comparison
- Review of Comparison Districts
- Student Growth

