

Waterloo Community Unit School District No. 5
Curriculum Coordinator

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TO: Mr. Brian Charron, Superintendent
Board of Education

FROM: Mr. John Schmieg, Curriculum Coordinator

March 2026 BOARD REPORT

Instructional Practice Inventory

WHS held an Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI) sweep on Wednesday, March 11. These type of classroom scans were common across all school buildings prior to the pandemic. During a sweep, a team of teachers observes classrooms to collect data on instructional methods, such as teacher-led lessons, student-led activities, and collaborative learning conversations. Planning is currently underway to evolve this professional development activity into a learning walk model during the 2026-2027 school year.

2026 State Testing Dates:

The testing season will be in full swing between now and the April WCUSD #5 Board Meeting

*** All tests are delivered via an online program.**

1. Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR): Grades 3-8 ELA and Math online testing window: March 3, 2025 (earliest) - April 18, 2025 (last day to test)
 - WJHS – April 1 - 3
2. Illinois Assessment of Science (ISA): Grade 3, 5, and 11 online testing window: March 3, 2025 (earliest) – April 30, 2025 (latest)
3. ACT with Essay: Grade 11 Primary Test Date: WHS will test April 10, 2025
4. PreACT for Grade 10: WHS will test April 10, 2025
5. PreACT 9 for Grade 9: WHS will test April 10, 2025
6. KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey) – Fall – Around 40 days of Student Attendance (Completed for 2024-2025)
7. WIDA ACCESS for ELLs – English Language Learners Testing Window 1/15/25-3/4/25 (paper for K, online for grades 1-12) Currently testing.