



## **HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Highland High School **students currently enrolled in Biology (Honors & Regular Bio) will take the required Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) on Friday, April 26 in their Biology class.** The ISA aligns with the new [Illinois Learning Standards](#) in science. This assessment helps schools and families understand how students are performing academically and see whether they are on track to succeed in college. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements.

The ISA is an hour-long summative assessment containing 31 questions that students complete online using Chromebooks. Students who meet the State Benchmark on the test will be exempt from their 1st semester Science Final Exam for the 2019-20 school year.

We encourage you to talk with your student about the importance of doing their best on the ISA. We all work together to ensure Illinois students build a cohesive understanding of science over time. Thank you for your role in developing lifelong learners and successful citizens. Thank you for your support and please contact us with any questions or feedback.

Educationally Yours,

*Dr. Chris Becker*

HHS Principal