



Riverside School District 96
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Dear Parents of 4th, 6th and 7th Grade Students:

The Illinois State Board of Education has randomly selected Hollywood School and Hauser Junior High School's 4th, 6th and 7th grade students to be part of a sample of Illinois schools participating in an ISAT Writing Pilot Test. We are unable to "opt out" of this pilot test session, therefore all Hollywood 4th graders and Hauser 6th and 7th grade students will participate. The actual ISAT Writing Test is given to students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 each spring. However, because this is a fall pilot test, randomly selected schools will test students in grades 4, 6, 7, and 9 to obtain the needed pilot data regarding prompts for use in future tests.

Our students will be "testing the test." Their efforts will be used to assess the effectiveness of writing prompts that may be used in future Illinois writing tests. Results of the pilot will **not** be shared with any entity outside of the Illinois State Board of Education and its contractors. No results of the pilot test will be sent to schools or districts, students or parents.

This ISAT Writing Pilot Test will be administered at Hollywood and Hauser on Wednesday, October 7. At Hauser, the regular schedule will be slightly revised (only during the core block) to accommodate this test session. Sixth grade students will test during the morning core block. Seventh grade students will test during the afternoon core block.

As always, parents can support students during testing in the following ways:

- ➔ Encourage attendance and prompt arrival at school each day of testing.
- ➔ Enforce an appropriate bedtime to ensure a full night's sleep.
- ➔ Provide a healthy breakfast on the mornings of testing.
- ➔ Remind your child to ask the teacher questions during test administration if directions are not clear.
- ➔ Provide encouragement by communicating confidence in your child's ability.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's principal if you have any questions regarding the ISAT Writing Pilot Test.

Sincerely,

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