

# ISBE Recommendations

The following advice is from the Illinois State Board of Education.  
You will find it and much more on the ISBE website, [ISBE.net](http://ISBE.net)

- √ Be familiar with the Illinois Learning Standards and the Assessment Frameworks
- √ Integrate test-taking skills into regular instruction
- √ Be familiar with and practice different test items with students
- √ Create a positive atmosphere for testing

Extended-Response in the Classroom: Ideas to help teachers help students

1. Explain and display the “student-friendly” version of the scoring rubric
2. Discuss “What you did” and “Why you did it” for multiple-choice items, too.
3. Discuss and display a variety of student work in the classroom
4. Aim for the 4 on the rubric.
5. Use a T-chart to help guide explanations—this helps some students to remember to explain what they did and why they did it.
6. Use previous ISAT tasks from the sample books. (All are available online.)
7. Write about math in a journal.
8. Practice! Practice! Practice!