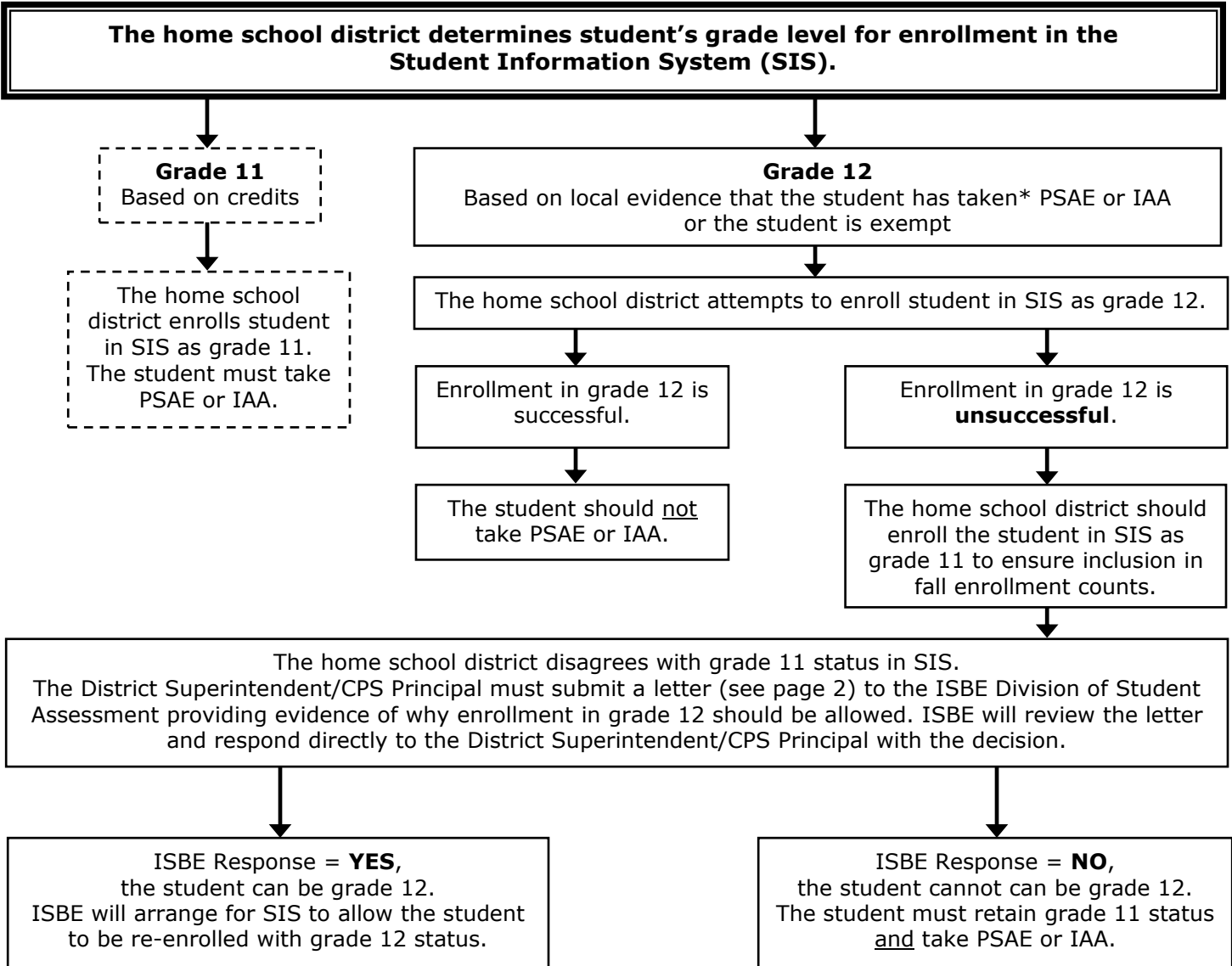


Impact of Grade 11 Definition on State Assessment

Section 1.30(b)(4) Districts shall administer the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) or the Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA), if applicable under subsection (d) of this Section, to students in grade 11. (See Section 2-3.64 of the School Code.) For the purpose of this subsection (b)(4), "grade 11" means the point in time when a student has earned the number of credits necessary for enrollment in grade 11, as determined by his or her school district in accordance with Sections 1.420(b) and 1.440 of this Part. A district shall not promote a student to grade 12 status until that student has taken* either the PSAE or IAA, as applicable.



*ISBE interprets "taken" to mean that the student has either a valid score record or exemption. A valid score means that the student has a PSAE or IAA score report that identifies a numerical scale score or "NA" for any scale score. Exemptions include Medically Exempt, Homebound Exempt, In Jail/Locked Facility, Out of State/Country, or Refusal. Visit http://isbe.net/sis/pdf/not_testing.pdf for definitions of these exemptions.

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Guidelines for Letter to ISBE if District Disagrees with Grade 11 Status in SIS

In order for ISBE to consider programming ISBE's Student Information System (SIS) to allow a student to be enrolled in grade 12, the District Superintendent or CPS Principal must write a letter to the Division Administrator of Student Assessment on official district/school letterhead and submit this letter to:

Pooja K. Agarwal, Ph.D.
Division Administrator
Student Assessment, E-216
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62777-0001

The letter must include the following information:

- Evidence describing why grade 12 enrollment should be allowed in SIS,
- The corrective action that you will take to prevent this situation from occurring in the future, and
- Student Information, including student's full name, birth date, gender, and 9-digit state student ID (include a list if more than one student).

A letter on letterhead must be received via mail. A district may also send the letter via email (psae@isbe.net) or fax (217.782.6097) in addition to sending the letter via mail in order to expedite this process.

After ISBE reviews the letter, the District Superintendent/CPS Principal will receive a letter from ISBE regarding our decision and further direction (if applicable).

State Assessment and the Receipt of a Regular High School Diploma

District Superintendents are responsible for determining whether students have satisfied state assessment requirements regarding the receipt of a regular high school diploma. District superintendents are also responsible for ensuring that grade 11 students participate in the appropriate state assessment.

To review the language pertinent to state assessment and the receipt of a regular high school diploma, visit the [Illinois School Code](#) website, and refer the section entitled, "State Goals and Assessment 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64(c)."

If you have questions about diploma requirements, please contact your District Superintendent and/or Regional Office of Education.

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