Assessment & Accountability Newsletter
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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be April 4, 2018.

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TEST SECURITY

The Test Incident Log is now available on https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/testincidentlog.

Use the application to securely track your test-related incidents.
Test Incident Log Application User Guide

⚠️ **WARNING**

- Allow students to review questions before pausing the test. If a test is paused and resumed after 20 minutes, the student cannot review previously flagged or answered questions.
- (For ELA and Math ISAT) Allow students to complete the current segment before moving to the next segment. If a student moves to the next segment, the student cannot review questions in the previous segment.
- Immediately discontinue testing by pausing the test when:
    - encountering unexpected technical difficulties. Report any audio, video, or platform issues to the AIR helpdesk at 1-844-560-7365 or IDHelpDesk@air.org.
    - student apathy or known/unexpected medical/behavioral conditions are observed. Reschedule when appropriate.
- Submit the test only when the student is finished. The test cannot be reverted to the un-submitted status.

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ISAT

*New 2018 Edmodo Idaho State Assessment Networking Group 2017-18 JOIN CODE is **hi6dn2** (3-16-18)*
Please check the ISAT Portal regularly for important messages and dates:
http://idaho.portal.airast.org

SDE Website Assessment Pages 508 Compliance
In an effort to make sure that all of our documents meet the requirements for 508 website compliance, some may be moving or leaving our website. If you would like to preserve any of these documents you are welcome to download them to your district servers. Please do so by March 30, 2018. The following will be removed:
- **Smarter Balanced Sample Items by Grade and Claim**. These are older items and Smarter has replaced them with newer items which can be found in Practice Test or on the Smarter Sample Items website.
    - Current locations:

- Math - http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-math/index.html
- ELA - http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-ela/
- **Power of Assessment Webinar Series by Tom Schimmer.** These videos are currently located here: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-cas/ The 12 modules can actually be found on YouTube, however, if you would like the Activities page that goes with each webinar, please contact Nancy.
- **Smarter Balanced Item Specifications and Content Specifications** (available on the isat-math and isat-ela pages mentioned above) These are currently available on the Smarter Balanced website: http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/development/

Test Improprieties

Please see the attached document which outlines the most common test improprieties, how to avoid them, and how to process them in TIDE if they do occur.

The Week in Review

The majority of calls I received this week centered on types of supports and accommodations and how to code them. As I have talked through questions I always remind people to *ask the student* about support and accommodations choices. Ask them how they feel about a certain type of support and show them what it looks like in a practice test or sample item. You can apply accessibility choices to sample items on this site: http://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/BrowseItems. Make sure students know how to access and use the support in the testing interface.

Important Dates

- **March 19, 2018**: The ISAT ELA/literacy and Math test window opens on this date. Please remind teachers and proctors that all assessments available at this time are secure tests and should not be confused with interim assessments.
- **May 4, 2018**: Testing should be completed by this time. May 7-18, 2018 are make-up days for students who missed testing.

Possible "Walk Out" dates:

Information and guidance on nationally promoted student led walk out efforts that may involve local rallies was rallies was provided to superintendents on March 2, 2018. It is recommended that you do not schedule testing on this date: April 20, 2018.

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ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

Attention visitors to the Alternate Universe… Speed bumps ahead…

The ISAT-Alt Science testing deadlines is looming! The window closes on March 31, 2018 and many districts have spring break during one of the next two weeks. This leaves a lot of teachers with only one week left to upload and submit ISAT-Alt Science Portfolios in IPASS. **GACK!** IPASS data show that of the 814 students currently in the application, only 10 students are left without teacher assignments, 259 portfolios have not been started, 146 are in progress, and 366. We are moving in the right direction to get portfolio completed, but still have a lot to do to cross the "IPASS finish line." Keep up the good work supporting your teachers.

The Directions for Test Administration (DTAs) for ISAT-Alt ELA/Literacy and Math are now available in TIDE. You may download these resources by selecting the Inbox feature located in the top blue banner. At this time, only School Coordinators (SCs), Teachers (TEs), and Test Administrators (TAs) will have access to download these resources. **It is important that teachers who will administer the ISAT-Alt become familiar with the DTAs for the grades and contents they will be administering to ensure a smooth testing experience for themselves and their students.** Please keep in mind that DTAs are secure test materials and should be handled with the level of security accorded to any other ISAT secure test materials.

The ISAT-Alt ELA/Literacy and Math testing window opens on Monday, March 26, 2018. You will notice this is one week later than the regular assessment testing window. Teachers should still have plenty of time to complete testing with all their students. Even though the testing window does not open for a week, the Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) is open in the Data Entry Interface (DEI). As of March 9, 2018, LCIs had been completely for only 24 out of the 1389 students coded for the ISAT-Alt. **Teachers must complete the LCI before a student can take an alternate assessment.** The good news is that teachers only need to complete the LCI once.

As always, don't hesitate to contact Karren Streagle (kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov or 208-332-6824) if you have questions.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM

ACCUPLACER

The testing windows are open! The testing windows are:
- ACCUPLACER Placement: **February 5-April 30, 2018**
- ACCUPLACER Diagnostic: **February 5-May 5, 2018**

Here are some helpful hints for test administration:
- Before administration, please verify **each** testing computer meets the system requirements. To do so, please visit the ACCUPLACER login page. At the bottom, right hand corner of the screen, click "Verify System." This will prompt a window to open informing you if the computer meets specifications required to administer the ACCUPLACER assessments. If the computer fails to meet specifications, ACCUPLACER will advise what upgrades are needed.
- Before administration, allow your student to practice and get a feel for the assessment. Please visit ACCUPLACER Practice test webpage.
- Quick Guide – Resume a Test
- Quick Guide – Test Administration

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

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SAT

Idaho SAT School Day is around the corner: April 10, 2018

Materials Shipment Updates:
- Pre ID Labels: Mid-March. These should be affixed to student response sheets in preparation of test day and/or a pre-test session with students.
- Test Day Materials: First week in April, unless school is on Spring Break.

We encourage a pre-test session with students to assist them in understanding the potentials of taking the SAT, how to prepare, what to expect, and can be a positive chance to share resources on choices after high school. Even if students are undecided on college choice, please encourage the four free score sends.

Makeup test date: April 24, 2018
College Board will be sending a makeup test day form to all test supervisors immediately after the SAT Day. Please respond to this required form ASAP even if you do not have makeup testers. The form also serves as the mechanism for reporting test irregularities and

improprieties. The College Board will review and alert schools as to whether these students can participate in the makeup exam.

Translated Test Directions: UPDATED for 2018
The College Board has a number of translated test directions available for students. There are thirteen translated test directions available on the College Entrance Exam webpage. Please feel free to print any translated test directions needed by students. Languages include: Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Haitian, Hindi, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

Approved word-for-word glossaries for SAT - The glossaries can be used for instructions only for SAT School day.

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IDAHO READING INDICATOR

On Tuesday, JFAC passed the Superintendents budget which included funding for the statewide implementation of a new IRI. The budget also passed the House and now goes to the Senate and must be signed by the Governor.

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ACCESS 2.0

- **ACCESS 2.0 Score Reports will be available**: May 18, 2018
- **Data Validation:** School or district level ACCESS points of contact are to complete data validation April 2-April 6, 2018.
    - This important pre-reporting task will allow you to correct any student demographics and merge certain domains that have been scored but may not reflect a composite score due to the need to merge. It is vital to ensure EDU IDs are accurate and complete.

Please view the Data Validation training resources to understand your role in this next step. Data Validation Recorded Webinar for 2018 is now posted.

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NAEP

The 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading and Mathematics results are being released on April 10, 2018. Keep an eye on the news, or the NAEP social media! You can also find results on "the Nation's Report Card" website.

Until that time, if you want to prepare your own data analyses, you can visit the NAEP Data Explorer. The new NAEP data explorer is easier to use and now offers the ability to sign in and save analyses you create! Gone are the days of recreating statistical analyses every time you log into the NAEP Data Explorer.

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ASSESSMENT MONITORING

This is a friendly reminder for LEAs only in Group B of the Assessment Monitoring Cycle, their LEA's Comprehensive Assessment Plans are due **April 30, 2018**. For a template and instructions, please view the Comprehensive Assessment Plan Template. For submission, please submit LEA's Plan via a Google Form. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

As part of Idaho's new accountability system, schools will need to administer a student engagement survey to students in grades 3-8 THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

The unique survey links needed for schools to administer the survey will be provided to Superintendents between March 30 and April 2, 2018.

Please see the following resources for additional information on the survey:
- Student Survey and What Districts Can Expect webinar
  - Available at
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV8kPXnxYL4&feature=youtu.be
- Assessment Monthly Webinar (survey discussion starts at 10:14)
  - Available at
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdoK41UUWLg&feature=youtu.be
- Elementary Survey Questions

- o Available at
  https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/accountability/announce/AdvancED-Student-Engagement-Survey-Elementary.pdf
- Middle School Survey Questions
  - o Available at
    https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/accountability/announce/AdvancED-Student-Engagement-Survey-MS.pdf

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MARCH ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY WEBINAR

If you missed March's Assessment & Accountability's Monthly webinar last week, no worries!
- Recorded Webinar
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Questions & Answers

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APRIL'S MONTHLY ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY WEBINAR

Our next webinar will be **April 11, 2018** at **10:00 AM MST**. This webinar will have "just-in-time" information on our comprehensive assessment systems. Please register for the webinar at our GoToWebinar webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

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