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IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASES FINAL STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

(BOISE) – Superintendent Ybarra announced today that the final statewide Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) and Literacy assessment percentages, as well as individual district and school results are being made available. Results are now available following the assessment appeals window which closed on October 22nd.

Local school districts are provided the opportunity to appeal individual assessment results—a successful appeal would remove individual results from the overall participation rate, be it for a significant medical emergency, invalid education unique identifier (EDUID), or being a first-year Limited English Proficiency (LEP) student. The following are students who are considered to be a participant:

- Took the assessment,
- Received a valid score, and was assigned a proficiency level,
- Enrolled on or before May 8, 2015

Statewide final assessment results do not show a significant change from the pre-appeals results that were [released on July 1, 2015](#). All results are available in the supplemental spreadsheet displayed for Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy, by grade.

The department is also making available a more comprehensive report card which details the statewide assessment results from a state, district, and school level. For each level being viewed within the report card, only aggregate percentages will be displayed and more granular data may be requested of each individual school district—released at their discretion. The report card is available on the department website by visiting <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard>.

As a comparison, preliminary data remains available and located on the department website through the communications division. Further questions may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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***Media Note:** Frequently asked questions are located on page two of this release.*



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Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q With the federal requirement being a participation rate of 95%, what is the overall statewide participation rate for Idaho?**
- A The overall Idaho statewide participation rate for 2014-2015 school year is 97.8%.
- Q How many students participated in the year-end summative assessment in mathematics?**
- A 182,639 students participated in mathematics.
- Q How many students participated in the year-end summative assessment in English Language Arts/Literacy?**
- A 160,802 students participated in English Language Arts/Literacy.
- Q How will these assessment results be used by the Idaho State Department of Education?**
- A The Assessment Division will use the results to provide further professional development on implementation of the system of assessment and improve administration, including further emphasis on formative assessment, and use of documents and tools such as the digital library to support teachers in their classroom instruction and teaching strategies.
- A The Federal Programs Division will not be utilizing the results for the 2014-2015 school year as the accountability system has been paused per the recently approved [ESEA Waiver](#). The accountability system will be revisited in the spring of 2016.
- Q How will these assessment results be used by local school districts, or by classroom teachers?**
- A Local districts may use these results different ways, and that question is best directed to a specific school district. Teachers may use these results in a variety of ways, one of which may be to review classroom reports that focus directly on the evidence students need to show for mastery of the standards. Each individual teacher would need to be granted access by their school district leadership to access these reports.
- Q Has the Idaho State Department of Education been working with the vendor to fix scoring delay issues?**
- A Yes, the vendor has fixed software issues that caused the initial delay. The vendor has also retained scorers from last year who are now familiar with scoring, hired additional staff for this year, and have updated scoring training materials.
- Q What were the average testing times for each grade taking the mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy assessments?**
- A Testing times are displayed through the following link:
https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/docs/Weekly%20Updates%20During%20Testing%20Window/2014_15TestingTimes%20ALL%20FINAL.pdf.