



2023-24 A&A Important Updates

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ISAT

Kristi Pierce is the new Science ISAT Coordinator. You can reach her at kpierce@sde.idaho.gov or at 208-332-6903.

Teachers will no longer be allowed to proctor their own students in the subject they teach on the ISAT. Flexibility in proctoring was permitted to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023. Teachers proctoring their own students in a different subject area is still allowable.

ISAT ELA/literacy and Math is required in grades 3-8 and 11. The Challenge Up feature is still available in TIDE under “Test Eligibility” to allow advanced 10th grade (and even more rarely, 9th grade) students who have received instruction on all high school standards to participate in grade 11 ISAT ELA and/or Math. Only District Test Coordinators can change the Challenge Up Field. It must be done separately for each individual student who will Challenge Up. The students who score proficient while participating in Challenge Up will have their proficiency and participation count when their grade level cohort is in 11th grade.

ISAT Science is required in grades 5, 8, and 11.

ISAT Special Accommodations Request and ISAT Test Incident Log are located under the “Forms” field in TIDE.

Grades 9 and 10 ELA and Math ICAs and SICAs will be available during the summative window. This allows districts to test all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders at the same time. The available interims produce a scale score that is comparable to the summative ISAT and can be graphed on the same longitudinal report as the summative ISAT.

The remote ISAT was in place to accommodate COVID-19 disruptions and school closures, and it is no longer available this year. All students must participate in the in-person 2024 spring ISAT.

IRI

Kacy Proctor is the new IRI Coordinator. You can reach her at kproctor@sde.idaho.gov or 208-332-6988

A few new important updates in Istation have occurred:

- The log out button is more visible (please make sure your students log all the way out of Istation for their score to populate).
- The priority report has added Lexile scores and the skill percentile rank for each student.
- Using the search feature in teacher resources is streamlined. You only need a word or 2 to search the topic or skill.
- Graphs at the end of each subtest are back! Your students will be able to visually see how they did at the end of each subtest!

The RAN (rapid automatized naming) is available for students in K-3 and is **not** required for all students. However, it is considered a tier 2 dyslexia screener.

Schools must continue to collect household income surveys from students in grades K-3 who are enrolled at a school that is under any of the USDA provisions (i.e. CEP) for the FY25 literacy intervention funds distribution.

Districts and charter schools can continue to administer the IRI remotely. See the [SDE Guidance Document](#).

OPTIONAL GRADES 4 AND 5 ISTATION ADVANCED READING

For the first time, the SDE offers the grades 4 and 5 Istation advanced reading assessments to all districts and charter schools. Districts and charter schools are NOT required to offer the assessments to their students. The license has been activated for all districts and charter schools. Districts and charter schools may use the assessments to supplement the dyslexia requirement. Grades 4 and 5 Istation advanced reading assessments are NOT the IRI.

IDAA

Tested grades for school year 2023-24 are listed below.

- ELA/Literacy: grades 3 – 8 and 10*
- Mathematics: grades 3 – 8 and 10*
- Science: grades 5, 8, and 11

**NOTE: students who qualify for the IDAA will take their high school ELA/L and Math summative assessments in grade 10, even though high schoolers taking the ELA/L and Math ISAT will be tested in grade 11.*

ELPA

During the 2022-23 school year, districts across Idaho administered a stand-alone Alternate ACCESS for ELLs field test. The new WIDA Alternate ACCESS will be administered in 2023-2024. Standards setting will take place in summer 2024 and will delay WIDA Alternate ACCESS reporting until September 24, 2024.

CEE (SAT)

The SDE continues to financially support the SAT. Districts and charter schools are required to offer the SAT to their students. For more information on the CEE requirements, refer to the [SDE Guidance Document](#).

OPTIONAL GRADE 10 PSAT/NMSQT

The SDE continues to financially support the 10th-grade PSAT/NMSQT. Districts and charter schools are NOT required to offer the PSAT/NMSQT to their students. In the fall of 2023, PSAT/NMSQT became digital for the first time. Review the [in-school educator experience](#) for more information.

ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Requirements have changed: According to [IDAPA 08.02.03.112](#), Districts and charter schools must still administer surveys to assess the engagement and satisfaction of students, staff, and parents, annually, but now they may choose how and when to do so. Districts and charter schools will not send their survey results to the SDE, and those results will not contribute to the school identification calculation. Survey results will not be posted on the Idaho Report Card, but the SDE encourages districts to share results with their stakeholders as they see fit. SDE also encourages districts to maintain survey administration records, in case the SDE were to request those records as part of an ad hoc audit or legislative request ([see details](#)).

NAEP

District notifications about NAEP were sent on 6/9 and reminders were sent on 8/8. These communications have attached Excel files with principal contact information. If something is not correct in these files, please update! Thank you for those that already have.

School notifications for NAEP 2024 went out on the morning of 8/15. Many schools were selected for NAEP. Please check that you are receiving emails from state department staff and check your spam folders. If you have not received an email, it is possible that students in your school were not selected for NAEP.

Paul Kleinert will be reaching out to schools whose principals have not yet responded in the next week or two to make sure schools have their assessment dates on their calendar and that they have assigned a school testing coordinator.

DYSLEXIA

<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/ela-literacy/dyslexia-information.html>

CIVICS

<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/civics/>

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