WHY DO STATE ASSESSMENTS MATTER?

Assessments guide educators and parents to make informed decisions to support student learning.

Assessments highlight areas of strength and shine a light on opportunities for growth.

Assessments inform decision-making at all levels throughout education.

Assessments lead to improved outcomes for all students.

At the **state** level, assessment results inform policy decisions. This information is also used to direct support and resources to the schools.

At the **district/charter** level, assessment results guide educators in selection of curriculum and pacing. Administrators use results to meet the needs of their specific student population.

In the **classroom**, teachers use assessments to monitor student progress and to personalize interventions and strategies for learning. This directly impacts the classroom experience of each Idaho student.

At **home**, assessment results empower families to make informed decisions about school choice. They help families advocate for their child. Families can access assessment results for all Idaho public schools at [www.idahoschools.org](http://www.idahoschools.org).

State assessments foster a collective sense of pride and responsibility for the **community**. Assessment results assist voters in making educated decisions to impact the next generation.

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