Assessment & Accountability Newsletter
Wednesday, September 4, 2019

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WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all enjoyed a summer of rest and relaxation. We have been planning for the 2019/2020 school year and eagerly awaiting your return! The beginning of a new school year always holds such excitement and promise. The first newsletter of the year contains important information so please take time to read and pass along the information to your colleagues.

The 2019/2020 Assessment and Accountability Calendar is available online. This is a great one page document to help you track the statewide assessment, survey and accountability dates. We completed an overhaul of our assessment and accountability webpages to make finding information easier. Please take a look and let us know if we can do even more to improve your access to information.

We have posted the 2018/19 final assessment results, and school, district and the state report cards (www.idahoschools.org) have been updated with the most recent information. While you
are reviewing the report card updates, we hope the improved search features and redesigned engagement page are useful, and that the tool continues to spur conversations in your local communities about the great things happening in your schools.

We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and our team looks forward to supporting you, and your students. Wishing all a positive and bright 2019/2020 school year!

Karlynn Laraway is the director of Assessment and Accountability. She can be reached at klaraway@sde.idaho.gov or by calling (208) 332-6976.

The fall testing window is OPEN: **August 5-September 27**

**SIGN UP NOW FOR 2019-2020 IRI TRAINING**
The SDE Assessment Team is offering teachers an opportunity to learn about the IRI with timely resources that take you through the school year AND earn graduate credit at the same time!

The IRI Implementation Mini-Series for teachers is available now – to get started, watch the introductory video

The August episode is posted in the course. Other monthly topics will include:
- **September**: Test Results-What Do They Mean?
- **October**: How to Talk to Parents About the IRI
- **November**: Intro to Rate of Improvement
- **January**: Goal Setting and Trend Lines
- **February**: Deep Dive into Sub Tests and Skills
- **March**: Continued Dive into Sub Tests and Skills
- **May**: Learning Over the Year/Reflection

**Administrators** (Curriculum and special education directors, principals, superintendents, IRI implementation coordinators, IRI implementation Specialists, reading coaches (etc)):
- Join us in your local region after the Fall IRI Window, for a half day training focused on Data and reports.
- Attendees will review their Fall IRI results and learn how to use the reports to make next step decisions to support teachers in using data to inform instruction.
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- Registration closes one week prior to the regional training date.

**IMPORTANT IRI INFORMATION**
- Visit the [Idaho IRI webpage](http://example.com) for answers to frequently asked questions and information related to Literacy Plans.
- The SDE has convened two work groups to begin developing accommodated forms of the IRI for students who are deaf and hard of hearing and blind or visually impaired. Watch for updates regarding this work in future newsletters.

**WHAT’S NEW WITH IRI**
- IRI manager level accounts will now have access to view reports in different performance scales. The SDE will report using Intervention Tiers.

**Intervention Tiers** will show performance using a 3 tier system, the same as 2018/19.

**Percentile Rank Ranges**
- Tier 1 Above 40
- Tier 2 At or Below 40
- Tier 3 At or Below 20

**RTI+** will show performance using a 3 tier system with extended tier ranges.

**Percentile Rank Ranges**
- Tier 1 Above 49
- Tier 2 At or Below 49
- Tier 3 At or Below 25
Levels – (Quintiles) will show performance using five equally spaced ranges.

Percentile Rank Ranges
Level 5 Above 80
Level 4 At or Below 80
Level 3 At or Below 60
Level 2 At or Below 40
Level 1 At or Below 20

Grade level equivalency will no longer be included in IRI reports. Please ensure staff and parents understand percentile rank as it will still appear on the reports. Encourage teachers needing additional training in understanding IRI data to register for the IRI Implementation Mini-Series for Teachers.

Istation is offering a digital Oral Reading Fluency Assessment to measure oral reading fluency from recorded student read passages. The ORF is included in the state IRI contract, however, the ORF is not embedded in the ISation App at this time. Users interested in using the ORF will need to access it through isip.istation.com. For more information, flyer is attached.

For more information, contact Alayna Knop at aknop@sde.idaho.gov or at (208) 332-6957.

PSAT/NMSQT OCTOBER 16
This is an optional assessment, available to all Idaho sophomores, paid for by the state.

PSAT STUDENT REGISTRATION UPDATE
PSAT registration will be via bulk file upload. College Board sent the file layout template, simply complete the required fields and submit the file directly to College Board with all eligible grade 10 testers. College Board provided detailed instructions, including a code to access the PSAT bulk registration system, on August 20. The 2019 Idaho PSAT/NMSQT Bulk Registration Webinar will walk you through the bulk registration process.

Schools can also register students to take the PSAT/NMSQT in other grades, but will be invoiced for all students participating in the assessment not in Grade 10.
HOW TO STAY ON TOP OF COLLEGE BOARD DEADLINES AND TASKS

Ensure your site has informed SDE of your school’s PSAT contact(s). In May, just before the school year ended, an email was sent to all building principals asking them to designate a school PSAT contact. Confirmation letters were then sent to PSAT point of contacts. This is a more efficient way to gather assessment contacts, and ensures we are communicating with the correct staff person at each school.

If you are new to your role, be sure to set up a College Board Educator account.

STAY ON TOP OF PSAT/NMSQT DEADLINES AND ASSESSMENT UPDATES

- All accommodations requests submitted in SSD online system before 8/27
  - The 2019 Idaho PSAT/NMSQT Accommodations webinar will walk you through submitting accommodations for students.
- 9/4/2019 schools receive instructions for pre-ID on bulk registration system
- Schools done by 9/12 will receive pre-ID labels by 9/25
- Schools done by 9/19 will receive pre-ID labels by 10/2
- Order materials through Test Ordering System (TOS) before 9/19/2019
- Bulk registration and TOS window closes 9/19

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Please join the College Board for a two hour session on important updates for this school year. The first hour will provide updates for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT administration and the second hour will provide an overview of changes to the AP Program in 2019.

Workshop dates and locations

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For more information, contact Paul Kleinert at pkleinert@sde.idaho.gov or call him at (208) 332-6957.

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LONG-TERM TREND 2019-2020

This is going to be a quiet year for most schools in Idaho. The NAEP is on a “national” year, which means that fewer schools are participating, and we are getting measures of student learning outside of the main NAEP reading/math assessments that we do every other year.

This year the National Center for Education Statistics is conducting a national study of Long-Term Trend (LTT). This study will measure what students know and can do on a test that hasn’t changed much since 1971. The United States Congress, the President and the Secretary of Education use this information to make informed decisions about education policy, and to see how previous decisions affected education over a long period of time.

If you haven’t heard from me yet about the NAEP LTT, you are not participating this school year. If you have, we are about to get started with middle school testing in the fall!

For more information, contact Paul Kleinert at pkleinert@sde.idaho.gov or call him at (208) 332-6957.

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SCIENCE ASSESSMENT 2020

In June, the State Board of Education approved the temporary rule to move the science assessment administered in middle school from grade 7 to grade 8 and to replace the high school end of course assessment with a comprehensive science assessment administered in grade 11, beginning in spring 2020. As part of the rule making process, a public comment period to seek feedback on this rule is open now.

Comments on the temporary rule can be submitted to the department through Sunday, September 8. Science Assessment Rule_2019

The State Board of Education will consider public feedback in their October 2019 meeting where a final decision will be made. The pending rule will then be considered by the legislature next session. We will provide an update after the October Board Meeting so stay tuned!
NEW SCIENCE SAMPLE TEST AND NEW SCIENCE INTERIM TESTS

The new science sample test is currently available on the Idaho Portal. We encourage educators to access the elementary, middle school and high school sample tests to become familiar with the new item types and science assessment.

New science interim tests at each grade band will also be available in September 2019.

INSTRUCTIONAL AND ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

We encourage all educators to continue the shift of instructional practices in the classroom to meet the new standards. Contact Aaron McKinnon, (208) 332-6952, or Kevin Chandler, (208) 332-6988, for supporting science instruction in your classroom or if you have questions about the new science assessment.

For more information, contact Kevin Chandler at kchandler@sde.idaho.gov or call him at (208) 332-6988.

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ISAT COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

TIDE, the Online TA Certification Course, AIRWays Reporting, and the Online Reporting System (ORS) are now available on the Idaho Portal for the 2019-20 school year.

All passwords have been cleared out of the AIR systems so users will need to reset passwords upon their first log-in to TIDE.

The TA Certification Course has been updated for the new school year. All users will need to take this course in order to administer any 2019-20 tests using the Test Administration icon.

INTERIM ASSESSMENTS

Interim Assessments will be available the week of September 9. We apologize for the late availability, we needed additional time to ensure new interim assessments are rendering and operational. Check the portal for the official launch date!

The 2019-2020 Interim Assessments Overview is now available in the ELA/Literacy & Math resources section in the Interim Assessments sub-folder on the ISAT portal.
New for ELA/Literacy
● Updated ICAs more closely align to the summative assessments.
● ICAs for grades 9 and 10 feature grade appropriate cut scores.
● 21 new focused IABs (three per grade).

New for Mathematics
● ICAs for grade 9 and grade 10 include content appropriate cut scores.
● The items in the grade 9 and 10 ICAs differ slightly to cover content appropriate for the grade.
● 21 new focused IABs (three per grade).
● Hmong and Somali translations glossaries added to all items in IABs and ICAs.
● New accessibility resource, the Illustration glossaries, added to all items in IABs and ICAs.

*Beginning with interim assessments administered in 2019-20 – interim assessment results will only appear in AirWays Reporting, but you can access previous year interim and summative assessment results in ORS.

As a reminder, Secure Browsers for desktop operating systems and Chrome OS will need to be installed by August 30. Technical documentation to assist with downloading of the new Secure Browser is available on the portal: Technical Documents Downloading and Installing the Secure Browser

IMPORTANT DATES
● ISAT – English Language Arts, Math – Interim Assessments: Week of September 9 – 03/11/2019
● ISAT – English Language Arts, Math – Summative Assessments: 03/16/2020 – 05/15/2020

For more information on the ELA/Literacy assessment, contact Alayna Knop at aknop@sde.idaho.gov or call her at (208) 332-6979. For more information on the Math assessment, contact Kevin Chandler at kchandler@sde.idaho.gov or call him at (208) 332-6988.

IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE
The existing Testing Site Manager (TSM) test content delivery software for ACCESS and WIDA Screener has expired. Districts/Charters need to download the Central Office Services Service Devise (COS - SD) to administer WIDA’s Online suite of assessments.
• COS SD software is available for download from the WIDA AMS portal under Technology Downloads within the General Information tab
  o The update is needed for the ACCESS suite of assessments to function properly
  o To download, users must have a WIDA AMS account and either be designated as a Technology Coordinator or District Test Coordinator within WIDA AMS
• Supporting documentation for the COS-SD migration is available in WIDA AMS and on the Technology Coordinator page of the WIDA Secure Portal

WIDA SCREENER RECERTIFICATION
2019-2020 is a Kindergarten W-APT/WIDA Screener Online & Paper recertification year.
• Before administering or scoring the KW-APT or WIDA Screener, Test Administrators will need to recertify by completing the WIDA training quizzes with a score of 80% or higher. Training resources and quizzes can be found within the WIDA Secure Portal.

WIDA EWORKSHOPS OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS 2019-2020SY
There is a plethora of professional development opportunities to be a part of during the 2019-2020SY. Don’t miss them!
• We have partnered with WIDA Professional Learning to offer ALL Idaho educators access to six, self-paced, on-demand eWorkshops starting September 1! Developed by WIDA, these eWorkshops are intended for a variety of audiences and cover a range of topics that include:
  o Foundational Concepts
  o Doing and Talking STEM
  o WIDA Writing Rubric Series
  o Leading for Equity: Classroom Walkthrough
  o Classroom Educators: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners
  o Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics
• To access the eWorkshops:
  1. log in to your WIDA Secure Portal account. If you do not have an account, contact WIDA Client Services Center at help@wida.us or 1-866-276-7735
  2. Select the “WIDA eLearning Center” tile to view available eWorkshops
• August and September WIDA Webinars dates, times, and Webex links are listed below:
  o August 22, 2019 – WIDA Screener Overview: 11:00AM – 12:00PM MST
  o September 18, 2019 – Welcome Back: What’s New This Year: 12:00PM – 1:00PM MST
  o September 24, 2019 – Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New Test Administrators: 10:00AM – 11:00AM MST
  o September 26, 2019 – Pre-Testing: ACCESS for ELLs for New District Test Coordinators: 12:00PM – 1:00PM MST
ACCESS: TO ALT. OR NOT TO ALT. WEBINAR
A webinar will be held on October 22, 2019 from 3:00PM to 4:00PM MST to review the new Idaho Alternate Assessment (IDAA) participation criteria and how it may impact students’ participation in the English Language Proficiency Assessment.

- The webinar is intended for EL teachers and coordinators, special education teachers, and RTI leaders who identify and implement, appropriate assessments, instructional supports, and assessment accommodations for students who have an IEP.
- The EL/ Title III Program Coordinator, Alt Assessment and Medicaid Coordinator, and the English Language Proficiency Assessment Coordinator will be presenting valuable information about what to consider when LEAs make important decisions about students participation in the Alternate ACCESS.

ESSA UPDATE
Idaho’s English Learner Exit Criteria has been updated and will apply to the 2020 ACCESS test administration.

- An English learner who completes ACCESS for ELLs on the 2020 test administration will be considered proficient when they receive a composite score equal to or greater than 4.2, with a minimum score of 3.5 in the domains of reading, writing, and listening, and a minimum score of 1 in the speaking domain
- An English learner who completes Alternate ACCESS for ELLs on the 2020 test administration will be considered proficient when they receive a P2 composite proficiency level score

If you have questions, contact Andrew Bennett at abennett@sde.idaho.gov or call (208) 332-6909.

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There are a lot of changes ahead in the Alternate Assessment Universe for the 2019-20 school year. Take a deep breath and remember you can call me when you have questions.

CHANGES TO IDAA PARTICIPATION
New IDAA participation criteria took effect on July 1, 2019 and are outlined on pages 88 and 89 of the 2018 Idaho Special Education Manual. The Idaho Training Clearinghouse (ITC) IDAA Participation Criteria Training resource includes a recording of the May 8 training webinar on the new criteria, the IDAA Participation Worksheet, and a standalone copy of the new IDAA participation criteria. IEP teams must respond “yes” to all four participation criteria for a student to qualify for the IDAA.
In the past, students could qualify for the IDAA in one content area, but take the ISAT in another content area. For example, a student could take the IDAA in ELA/Literacy and take the ISAT Math. Student can no longer take the IDAA in one content area and the ISAT in another. They either qualify for the IDAA or they do not. Therefore, a student who qualifies for the IDAA must take it in all content areas.

IDAA testing calendar

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<td>The Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) window is tentatively scheduled to open on Monday, February 3, 2020.</td>
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IDAA SCIENCE PORTFOLIO FOR 2019-20
WOO HOO! There are no changes to the IDAA Science Portfolio for the 2019-20 school year. The updated IDAA Science Portfolio Manual for 2019-20 has been posted to the IDAA Science Portfolio Resource on the ITC Assessing Students with Disabilities Statewide webpage. Updates to the IDAA Science Portfolio Manual for 2019-20 include:

- Revised definition of alternate assessment (p. 7);
- New definition of significant cognitive impairment (p. 7);
- New IDAA participation criteria (p. 8); and
- Updated Schedule of Activities (pp. 10-11).

IDAA FOR ELA/LITERACY & MATH FOR 2019-20

Exciting changes are in store this year for the IDAA in ELA/Literacy and Math. Idaho has been part of a multi-state collaboration with Hawaii, South Carolina, Vermont, Wyoming, and AIR to develop a computer-adaptive alternate assessment. Some of you may remember that last year’s IDAA included 10 field test items at the end of the fixed form IDAA we have been using for a few years. In spring 2020, the IDAA administer the operational field test for our new computer-adaptive IDAA. New IDAA items will have human voice recordings, removing the need for test proctors to read a script to administer the assessment. More information about understanding the changes and administering the new IDAA will be forthcoming as the year progresses.
IDAA ELA/LITERACY & MATH PRACTICE TESTS
Thanks to the wonderful folks in South Carolina, we are able to offer their practice tests in ELA/Literacy and Math in grades 3 – 8, and high school this year.

The South Carolina practice tests are currently available, and parents and teachers can access them from the ISAT portal homepage: click on the Alternate Assessment ELA & Math card; then, select the SC-ALT Practice Tests Administered in Idaho card. Be sure to review the SC-ALT Practice Test Quick Guide (adapted to reference relevant IDAA information) to get an idea of how the practice tests work. The SC-ALT Practice Test Quick Guide is now available in the Alternate Assessments ELA & Math resources section under the System Information - Quick Guides sub-folder.

UPDATES TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT WEBPAGES
I am in the process of updating the ITC Assessing Students with Disabilities Statewide and SDE Special Education and Alternate Assessments web pages. I appreciate your patience as I get information and documents updated. If you have any suggestions or feedback related to what you would like to see on these webpages, please let me know.

For more information, contact Karren Streagle at kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov or call her at (208) 332-6824.

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GRAD RATE

- Go to Cohort Grad Rate Preview application to verify your SY1819 graduates.
- If your LEA does not upload a summer ISEE file but graduated students during the summer, amend and resubmit your June ISEE file.
- Start submitting supporting documentation now to the Cohort Grad Rate Preview application. The graduation rate appeals application will open from October 21-October 25.

For more information, contact Ayaka Nukui at anukui@sde.idaho.gov or call her at (208) 332-6926.

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DON’T MISS OUR SEPTEMBER WEBINAR

It’s not too late to register for the September 11 webinar. We will begin at 10 a.m. MT. This is your chance to hear timely updates from the SDE Assessment and Accountability team concerning important deadlines and changes that you’ll want and need to know.

For previous webinars, please visit the Resource Center for Assessment and Accountability.

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