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Changes to the Spring Roadshow

After several years hosting regional trainings in February for the Spring assessment window, and after hearing your feedback, the assessment and accountability team will be changing things up this year.

Instead of in person training in February, we will be posting several modules to help you prepare for the spring assessment window. These modules will be self-paced and allow you to review topics specific to your needs. We intend to cover all the usual topics relevant for ISAT, IRI, ACCESS and SAT administrations, accountability rule/information and test security reminders. We will also include information in our newsletters and our monthly webinars in
January, February and March with specific topics so you won’t miss a thing. Of course, the team is also always available to answer questions, just call or email any of us!

We will be hitting the road at the beginning of the school year, with stops in all 6 education regions of the state, providing more information about our comprehensive assessment system. We will highlight changes/updates and review data and access to our resources for all statewide assessments (IRI, ISAT, ACCESS, PSAT/SAT). The training will be targeted to new and experienced assessment directors and provide opportunities for us to connect with each of you and better serve your needs. We welcome your suggestions for these in-person visits in the fall, so let us know if you have ideas. We will begin planning these events in January, and provide save the date information soon!

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Fall 2019 IRI Data

The state has released fall IRI data for school year 2019-2020. Data is reported at a state, district, and school level. Reporting includes aggregate data by grade level, subgroup, and other demographics, based on student information districts submitted in ISEE. Performance information is calculated according to the rules outlined in the 2019 Accountably and Reporting Business Rules Document. The results are available at https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/accountability/results.html. Please be aware that the posted results may differ from the Istation reports districts and schools can access directly via the reporting portal. Results in the Istation reporting portal do not include our business rules. Most significantly, the state results are based on the first valid test in the fall administration, while the portal results continue to update based on new on-demand or scheduled assessments. Posted results may also include redaction or blurring to protect student privacy.

You can request a secure file transfer of un-redacted district or school accountability IRI data from ISDE through OTIS. The district Superintendent, the Superintendent’s designee and the Technology Director are provisioned by SDE to assign OTIS access to district personnel.

IRI need to know

District identified IRI technology coordinators received an email from Istation indicating a new requirement to include date of birth when rostering students. This change will impact any newly rostered students for the 19-20 school year as well as school year 20-21 uploads in fall
2020. If the date of birth is not included when entering the student, you will receive an error message and be prompted to enter the DOB. The assessment and accountability team uses the student EDUID to match students assessment records, but in cases of duplicate EDUID’s or invalid EDUID’s, we rely on other information like DOB to match student assessment records to ISEE data. If we can’t match student assessment results to our ISEE rosters, we have to drop those records so accurate information in ISEE and our test vendor systems is important!

For more information, contact Alayna Knop at aknop@sde.idaho.gov or at (208) 332-6979.

Reminder: Important PSAT/NMSQT Dates
Visit Counselor Score Week to prepare for student score release.
- December 2: Educator Score Release
- December 10: Student Score Release

SAT Key Dates
- AI Code confirmation: Mid-December
- Bulk Registration Window: January 7-January 16.
- Student Essay Opt in Window: January 27 - February 5.
- SAT Accommodations deadline: February 24.
- Coordinator Planning Kits Arrive in Schools: Late February
- Test Coordinator Training Window: February 24 - April 7.
- Pre-administration Test Materials Arrive in Schools: Mid-March
- Test Materials Arrive in Schools: Week of April 6, 2020
- Primary SAT Test Day: April 14.
- Schools Provide Make Up Counts to College Board: April 14-16.
- Accommodated Testing Window: April 1 -April 27.
- Make up Test Date: April 23.
Science Assessment Reporting Waiver

The Idaho Department of Education is planning a field test of the new science assessment in spring 2020 for all students in grades 5, 8 and 11. This field test will provide us with information to ensure the new assessments are aligned to Idaho’s recently implemented science standards.

Due to the fact that these new science assessments will replace the old assessments that are not aligned to current standards, the department is seeking a temporary accountability waiver from the federal government for the several provision of The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In addition to allowing the state to administer the new assessment in lieu of the old one, the waiver will also exempt Idaho from reporting the new assessments’ results in 2020.

This waiver will help Idaho’s students and educators by:

- Reducing testing time for students and educators
- Allowing schools to implement new curriculum and redesign their instructional strategies and practices to align to the new science standards
- Enabling teachers to begin teaching the new science standards without the pressure of also preparing students for the legacy assessment
- Preparing students and educators, as well as the state department, for both the technical and academic expectations of this assessment for spring 2021 and beyond

Public comments for this waiver will be accepted until midnight MST on Dec. 15, 2019. Please submit comments using this form.

Grade Levels for ISAT Science in 2020

- Elementary ISAT Science: Grade 5
- Middle School ISAT Science: Grade 8 NEW
- High School ISAT Science: Grade 11 NEW

The ISAT Science Assessment web page on the SDE website has also been updated.

Spring 2020 ISAT Science

A summary of the key aspects of the new ISAT Science assessments has been posted on the ISAT Portal. Download and review, today.
The document answers these questions, and more.

- What are the testing dates for the ISAT science assessments?
- What do the SY2019-20 ISAT Science blueprints tell us?
- What is a cluster?
- How can I administer the science interims?

Assessment Support

We encourage all educators to continue the shift of instructional practices in the classroom to meet the new standards. Reach out to Kevin Chandler, at (208) 332-6988, if you have questions about the development of the new science assessment.

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

ELA/Literacy & Mathematics Sample & Training Tests and Scoring Guides

The 2019-20 ELA/Literacy and Mathematics ISAT Sample and Training tests are now available. Test Administrators may administer these tests via the Sample Test Administration icon available on the ISAT Portal.

The 2019-20 Practice Test Scoring Guides are now available in the ISAT Portal. These are scoring guides for the grades 3-11 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) and Mathematics Practice Tests.

Smarter Balanced Digital Library and ISAT Portal Single Sign-In

The Smarter Balanced Digital Library Resources for Teacher and the ISAT Portal sign-in systems have been integrated into a single sign on. This allows users logged into ISAT Portal systems (TIDE, ORS, TDS, etc.) to navigate directly to the Digital Library without having to sign in with a separate Digital Library account.

New user accounts created in TIDE will be automatically provisioned in the Digital Library. Users with both TIDE and Digital Library accounts will be able to sign-in to both systems using their TIDE username and password.
What's New for 2019-20 School Administration

A slide deck identifying the new features available in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), Test Delivery System (TDS), AIRWays Reporting, and Online Reporting System (ORS) for the 2019-20 school administration is now available on the ISAT Portal.

TA Certification Course for 2019-20

Remember that all users will need to take the TA Certification Course in order to administer any 2019-20 interim or summative assessment using the Test Administration application.

The TA Certification Course is available on the ISAT Portal and should take about 25 minutes to complete.

Interim Assessments

Interim Assessments for ELA/ Literacy & Math are available on the ISAT Portal.

The 2019-20 Interim Assessments Overview is also available on the ISAT Portal. This helpful overview recaps all of the ELA/Literacy and Mathematics interims for the 2019-20 school year.

A detailed summary of the Mathematics Interims is now available on the ISAT Portal. This document details the names, item counts, Targets assessed and order of the ICA, IABs, and Focused IABs (FIABs) as they appear in Test Administration (TA) and Assessment Viewing Application (AVA).

The 2019-20 Assessment Viewing Application (AVA) User Guide is now available in the ELA/Literacy & Math Assessments and Science Assessments resources section under the System Information – User Guides sub-folder. AVA is a component of the Online Testing System that allows authorized users to review interim assessments for administrative or instructional purposes.

The 2019-2020 AIRWays Reporting User Guide and Quick Guide are available on the ISAT Portal. Results and scores from the 2019-20 interim assessments administered via the Test Administration application will be available in AIRWays Reporting.

Summative Assessments

The Understanding the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Video is now available in the ELA/Literacy & Math Assessments resources section under the System Information - Training Modules sub-folder.

This video describes the Smarter Balanced summative assessment. It details the two components of the summative assessment, the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and the Performance Task (PT), and the accessibility supports available for test-takers.
Important Dates

- ISAT – ELA/Literacy, and 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.


In late spring of 2020, the WIDA English Language Development Standards, 2020 Edition is scheduled for release. Although the five original standard statements are not changing, the tools to interpret and use the standards for instructional purposes are getting a makeover. WIDA wants to know how well the new resources combine language use within specific content areas, and is soliciting feedback from stakeholders, including language specialists, content area/classroom teachers, and administrators. Please participate in an initial review of the draft resources and complete a survey. Providing your valuable input will refine how these resources can be improved to meet the specific needs of Idaho’s students and educators.

To review a resource and provide feedback, follow the steps below:

- Visit the WIDA English Language Development Standards webpage to view the 2020 Edition draft standards resources.
- Before you review the drafts, make sure to watch the tutorial or read the introduction.
- Choose a draft that best matches your unique expertise and review.
- Complete the survey.

Learn more and take the survey at wida.wisc.edu/2020standards.

Upcoming WIDA Webinars

Test Administrators are highly encouraged to join the following webinars to prepare for the spring ACCESS administration. Click on the webinar title to join the Webex meeting.

- Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Overview
Thursday, December 5, 2019 – 11:00AM – 12:30PM MST
• During Testing – Managing Test Sessions (Online)
  o Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – 11:00AM – 12:30PM MST
• During Testing – Managing Test Sessions (Paper)
  o Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 12:00PM -1:00PM MST

Pre-ID File Upload and Material Orders

The WIDA Pre-ID file and initial material order for each district was successfully uploaded by the SDE to WIDA AMS on November 21, 2019!

Districts will be able to setup test sessions beginning on December 31, 2019 through March 6, 2020. A District which identifies a new EL between November 20, 2019 and February 28, 2020 will need to add the student into the WIDA AMS system before testing and order all the necessary material for the student to complete all four domains of ACCESS. An additional material order can be made from January 14, 2020 to February 28, 2020 through WIDA AMS.

Technology Check for ACCESS

The ACCESS test is quickly approaching! Is your district’s system and configuration ready?

• The SDE highly recommends your district technology coordinator check your current configuration and system is ready for the 2020 ACCESS online administration. To verify that your district is ready, review the Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs and the Technology Coordinator Resources.

WIDA eWorkshops Opportunities & Webinars 2019-2020SY

Idaho has partnered with WIDA Professional Learning to offer ALL Idaho educators the opportunity to access to six, self-paced, on-demand eWorkshops. Developed by WIDA, these eWorkshops are intended for a variety of audiences

Workshops include:
• Foundational Concepts
• Doing and Talking STEM
• WIDA Writing Rubric Series
• Leading for Equity: Classroom Walkthrough
• Classroom Educators: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners
• 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

ACCESS Test Dates

ACCESS Main Test Window: January 27, 2020 – February 28, 2020
ACCESS Make-up Test Window: March 2, 2020 – March 6, 2020

- English learners are required to complete all sections of ACCESS within the dates listed above.

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

IPASS Ready for Uploading Students

The IPASS application is now ready for SY 2019-20. Now, testing Coordinators can add teachers and students to IPASS and assign students to their teachers. You can access the IPASS application from the Special Education and Alternates Assessment webpage. The IPASS User Manual Final is downloadable from IPASS application landing page or the IDAA Science Portfolio resource on the ITC.

IDAA Science Portfolio

Please remind and support your teachers who administer the IDAA Science Portfolio to review the IDAA Science Portfolio Manual 2019-20 and tutorial videos in the IDAA Science Portfolio resource on the Idaho Training Clearinghouse (ITC). These resources contain detailed information to help them understand the process for collecting baseline data.

Speaking of the IDAA Science Portfolio tutorials, Tutorial 1: Overview of the IDAA Science Portfolio has been removed from the IDAA Science Portfolio resource because it include content related to the old IDAA participation criteria. The revisions to Tutorial 1 are underway will be available soon. In the meantime, the IDAA Science Portfolio Manual 2019-20 includes
the revised IDAA participation criteria and should help teachers get a good understanding of the process until the new tutorial is completed.

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

COHORT GRADUATION RATE

The final follow-up window to submit or resubmit graduation rate appeals will open on Monday, December 9 and close, Friday, December 13. This is the last opportunity to appeal your graduation rate. Please go to the graduation rate appeals in the 4-Year Appeals Application and 5-year Appeals Application.

Student, Parent, and Staff Engagement Surveys Open February 18

The student, parent, and staff engagement surveys will be open from February 18 – March 31, 2020.

The administration process for this year’s student survey is a little different. The SDE is providing student rosters based on your district’s December ISEE submission. Superintendents, principals, and other authorized users will then be able to obtain a unique “Login ID” for each student via the eProve survey system. With this controlled log in process, you will now be able to see which students have or have not completed the survey, although their individual responses will remain anonymous. We will share more information on the student survey administration process in upcoming webinars and documents.

Parent and staff surveys will continue to use custom district-level links that the SDE will email out to superintendents and charter administrators. We will be contacting these personnel soon to confirm their contact information.

We will also post information about the surveys at https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/surveys/

For more information, contact Accountability Coordinator Kevin Whitman at kwhitman@sde.idaho.gov or call (208) 332-6893.
DON’T MISS OUR DECEMBER WEBINAR

It’s not too late to register for the December 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.

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If you would like to subscribe to our newsletter, fill out the subscription form. You can visit our Resource Center to read/review previous newsletters and webinars.

If you have questions, please contact Morgan Phillips at mphillips@sde.idaho.gov or call her at (208) 332-6877

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