

Idaho Comprehensive Assessment System

Vignette for School Year 2020 to 2021

PURPOSE

To describe the Idaho Comprehensive Assessment System for the school year 2020 to 2021.

ACRONYMS

These are some assessment acronyms and their meanings.

- **ACCESS** stands for Idaho English Language Proficiency Assessment
- **CAS** stands for Comprehensive Assessment System
- **ELA/L** stands for English Language Arts and Literacy
- **IDAA** stands for Idaho Alternate Assessment
- **IRI** stands for Idaho Reading Indicator
- **ISAT** stands for Idaho Standards Achievement Test
- The letter K as a grade stands for Kindergarten
- **LCI** stands for Learner Characteristics Inventory
- **LEA** stands for Local Education Agency
- **NMSQT*** stands for National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
- **PSAT** stands for Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
- **NAEP** stands for National Assessment Educational Progress
- **SAT** is not an acronym. SAT is read as S. A. T.
- **SCD** stands for Significant Cognitive Disability

* The asterisk next to NMSQT is indicating that juniors can participate in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test at their own expense.

TESTING DAYS AND TESTING WINDOWS

These are the currently scheduled testing days and testing windows. Some assessments occur on specific days and some assessment can be administered anytime during the testing window.

- IRI – Fall testing window is 08/10/2020 to 09/25/2020; **fall window extended to 10/9/2020**
- ISAT – Interim Assessment Fall and Spring testing window is 08/24/2020 to 03/10/2021
- Class of 2021 SAT School Testing Days are 09/23/2020 and 10/14/2020 (school's choice), with a make-up testing day on 10/27/2020
- PSAT and NMSQT* testing days are 10/14/2020 and 10/17/2020 (school's choice) with a make-up testing day on 10/29/2020
- NAEP testing window is 01/25/2020 to 03/12/2020
- ACCESS testing window is 01/25/2020 to 03/05/2020
- LCI testing window is 02/01/2020 to 05/14/2020



- Student, Parent, Staff Engagement Survey testing window is 02/15/2021 to 03/31/2021
- IDAA – English Language Arts, Math and Science testing window is 03/15/2021 to 05/14/2021
- ISAT – English Language Arts, Math and Science testing window is 03/15/2021 to 05/14/2021
- Class of 2022 School Testing Day is 04/13/2021 with a make-up testing day on 04/27/2021
- IRI – Spring testing window is 05/03/2021 to 05/28/2021
- ISAT – Interim Assessment Summer testing window is 05/25/2021 to 07/14/2021
- Civics Assessment testing administration date is determined by the LEA

ASSESSMENTS BY PURPOSE

The assessments have different purposes. These are the purposes of the assessments.

- Civics assessment is a graduation requirement.
- PSAT/NMSQT* and SAT are college entrance exams.
- IDAA and ISAT ELA/L, Math, and Science are for grade level proficiency and growth measure.
- ACCESS is for English language proficiency.
- IRI and ISAT interims in ELA/L, Math and Science are for progress monitoring.
- IRI is for proficiency and growth measure for early literacy.
- Surveys are for school quality feedback.
- LCI is for special education learner profile.
- NAEP is for national education measure.

ASSESSMENTS BY CONTENT AREA

The assessments have different purposes. These are the content areas of the assessments.

- Civics assessment covers civics
- PSAT/NMSQT* and SAT are college entrance exams.
- ISAT Interims, IDAA, and ISAT cover English Language Arts and Literacy.
- ACCESS covers English language proficiency.
- ISAT Interims, NAEP, IDAA, and ISAT cover mathematics.
- IRI and NAEP cover reading
- Surveys cover school quality feedback.
- ISAT Interims, IDAA, and ISAT cover science.
- LCI covers the special education learner profile.



AVAILABLE ASSESSMENTS BY ELEMENTARY GRADES

The assessments have different purposes and requirements for certain student populations. This list describes that information for students in the classic elementary grades of kindergarten to grade five.

- ACCESS is administered to English language students in grades kindergarten to five.
- The IDAA in ELA/L and Math is administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades kindergarten to five.
- The IDAA in Science is administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grade five.
- The IRI is required for all students in grades kindergarten to three.
- The ISAT Interims in ELA/L, Math and Science are recommended for students in grades three to five.
- The ISAT in ELA/L and Math is required for all students in grades three to five.
- The ISAT in Science is required for all students in grade five.
- The LCI is completed by a teacher before a student with significant cognitive disabilities takes their IDAA in grades kindergarten to five.
- The NAEP is required for students in grade four, that are selected to participate in that test.
- The Surveys are required for students in grades three to five.

AVAILABLE ASSESSMENTS BY MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES

The assessments have different purposes and requirements for certain student populations. This list describes that information for students in the classic middle school grades of six to eight.

- ACCESS is administered to English language students in grades six to eight.
- The IDAA in ELA/L and Math is administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades six to eight.
- The IDAA in Science is administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grade eight.
- The ISAT Interims in ELA/L, Math and Science are recommended for students in grades six to eight.
- The ISAT in ELA/L and Math is required for all students in grades six to eight.
- The ISAT in Science is required for all students in grade eight.
- The LCI is completed by a teacher before a student with significant cognitive disabilities takes their IDAA in grades six to eight.
- The NAEP is required for students in grade eight, that are selected to participate in that test.
- The Surveys are required for students in grades six to eight.

AVAILABLE ASSESSMENTS BY HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

The assessments have different purposes and requirements for certain student populations. This list describes that information for students in the classic high school grades of nine to twelve.



- ACCESS is administered to English language students in grades nine to twelve.
- The IDAA in ELA/L and Math is administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grade ten.
- The IDAA in Science is administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities in grade eleven.
- The ISAT Interims in ELA/L, Math and Science are recommended for students in grades nine to twelve.
- The ISAT in ELA/L and Math is required for all students in grades ten and optional for grades nine and eleven.
- The ISAT in Science is required for all students in grade eleven.
- The LCI is completed by a teacher before a student with significant cognitive disabilities takes their IDAA in grades ten and eleven.
- The NMSQT* is optional for students in grade eleven.
- The PSAT is optional for student in grade ten.
- The SAT is a college entrance exam for students in grades eleven and twelve.
- The Surveys are required for students in grades nine to twelve.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSESSMENTS

This section contains more specific information about each of the assessments in the Idaho Comprehensive Assessment System. The more specific information includes a short description, the testing day or testing window, the subjects covered, the required grades, reported results, URLs for the testing vendor and the Idaho State Department of Education, and contact information for the coordinator or specialist at the Idaho State Department of Education.

ACCESS

ACCESS annually assess English learner English language Proficiency in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Idaho Code §33-1617 outlines the English Learner program requirements to achieve improved academic performance. Idaho Code §08.02.03. subsection 111.06.a through 111.06.m

- The ACCESS testing window is from 01/25/2021 to 03/05/2021.
- The ACCESS covers English language proficiency (reading, writing, listening, and speaking).
- The ACCESS is required for all English learners in grades kindergarten to twelfth.

The results from ACCESS are reported as English proficiency levels and scale scores for each language domain and four composite areas Level 1 (Entering), Level 2 (Emerging), Level 3 (Developing) Level 4 (Expanding), Level 5 (Bridging), and Level 6 (Reaching).



The testing vendor for the ACCESS is WIDA and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/id>.

More information about the ACCESS can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/elpa/>

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IDAA ELA/L, Math, and Science

The Idaho Alternate Assessment in English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science is an alternate to the ISAT taken by qualifying students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (SCD). Qualifying students that the IDAA in all content areas, not just in one content area The Learner Characteristics Inventory (LCI) is a required component of the IDAA.

- The IDAA testing window is 03/15/2021 to 05/15/2021.
- The IDAA covers English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science.
- The IDAA in ELA/L and Math is for students with the most significant cognitive disability who meet all 4 of the IDAA participation criteria in third to eighth and tenth grade. The IDAA in science is for students with the most significant cognitive disability who meet all 4 of the IDAA participation criteria in fifth, eighth and eleventh grade.

The IDAA is meant for students with the most significant cognitive disability who meet all 4 of the IDAA participation criteria, representing about 1% of the total student population.

The results from the English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics are reported as proficiency levels corresponding with ISAT: Level 4: Advanced, Level 3: Proficient, Level 2: Basic, Level 1: Below Basic Since the spring 2021 science IDAA is a field test, no scores will be reported for IDAA Science in spring 2021.

The testing vendor for the IDAA is Cambium Assessment and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://idaho.portal.cambiumast.com/get-started/alternate-assessment.stml>

More information about the IDAA can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/sped/>

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IRI

Idaho's Reading Indicator assesses students in the five critical domains of early reading: phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Idaho Code §33-1615 outlines that the Idaho State Department of Education shall be responsible for the administration of the IRI.

- The IRI fall testing window is 08/10/2020 to 09/25/2020. The IRI spring testing window is 05/03/2021 to 05/28/2021.
- The IRI covers reading.
- The IRI is required for all students in kindergarten, first, second and third grade.

The overall scores from the IRI are reported as achievement levels: Tier 1 (At Grade Level), Tier 2 (Near/Below Grade Level), Tier 3 (Well Below Grade Level).

The testing vendor for the IRI is Istation and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://www.istation.com/Reading>.

More information about the IRI can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/iri/>.

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ISAT Interims ELA/L, Math, and Science

The ISAT interims in English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics are administered at various points in the learning process to determine if students are on track toward proficiency. The ICA, IABs and FIABs assess various Claims and Targets to provide teachers with information to refine their instructional practices. Each ISAT science interim "testlet" is a cluster that assesses student mastery of the new three-dimensional science standards. The three dimensions include a content area (physical, Earth, or life science) a science and engineering practice, and a crosscutting concept.

- The ISAT interim fall testing window is 08/24/2020 to 03/10/2021, and the summer testing window is 05/25/2021 to 07/14/2021.
- The ISAT interims cover English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science.
- The ISAT interims are recommended for all student in third to eighth grades and all high school grades.



The results from the English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics ICAs are a Scale Score, and Performance Level data. Performance Level data is reported from an IAB or an FIAB. Item-level analysis is also found online in the Reporting system. For the ISAT interims in science the number of scoring assertions answered correctly is reported. Scoring assertions inform educators of the task completed by the student and an inference of the student's knowledge, skill, & ability.

The testing vendor for the ISAT interims is Cambium Assessment and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://idaho.portal.cambiumast.com/>

More information about the ISAT interims can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-ela/index.html> and <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-math/index.html> and <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/science/>.

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ISAT ELA/L, Math, and Science

The ISATs in English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics are given at the end of the learning process and allows students to demonstrate the full-range of their knowledge, skills and abilities. Results from the summative assessment provide educators data on student proficiency. The science ISAT is given at the end of the learning process and allows students to show mastery of the new three-dimensional science standards. The three dimensions include a content area (physical, Earth, or life science) a science and engineering practice, and a crosscutting concept.

- The ISAT testing window is 03/15/2021 to 05/21/2021.
- The ISATs cover English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science.
- The ISATs in English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics are required for all students in third to eighth grades, and for all students in tenth grade. The ISATs in English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics are optional for all students in ninth and eleventh grades. The ISATs in Science are required for all students in fifth, eighth, and eleventh grades.

A Scale Score, and Performance Level data is reported in an Individual Student Report (ISR) for the ISATs in English Language Arts/Literacy, and Mathematics. ISRs include the student's performance in each reporting



category. Item-level analysis is also found online in the Reporting system. The spring 2021 science ISAT will be an independent field test and students will not receive a score or individual score report for this field test.

The testing vendor for the ISATs is Cambium Assessment and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://idaho.portal.cambiumast.com/>

More information about the ISATs can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-ela/index.html> and <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-math/index.html> and <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/science/>.

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LCI

The LCI is a survey of learning characteristics of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (SCD) who qualify for the IDAA. It also includes the 4 IDAA participation criteria students must meet to qualify for participation in the IDAA. Teachers complete the LCI only once for each student. The LCI must be completed before students can access their IDAAs.

- The LCI testing window is 02/01/2021 to 05/14/2021.
- The LCI must be completed before students can access their first IDAA.
- The LCI is completed for the IDAA ELA/L and Math, for students with the most significant cognitive disability who meet all 4 of the IDAA participation criteria in third to eighth and tenth grade. The LCI is completed for the IDAA science, for students with the most significant cognitive disability who meet all 4 of the IDAA participation criteria in fifth, eighth and eleventh grade.

There are no reported results from the LCI.

The testing vendor for the LCI is Cambium Assessment and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://idaho.portal.cambiumast.com/get-started/alternate-assessment.stml>



More information about the LCI can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/sped/>

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NAEP

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the only assessment that measures what US students know and can do in various subjects across the nation, states, and in some urban districts. Also known as The Nation's Report Card, NAEP has provided important information about how students are performing academically since 1969.

- The NAEP testing window is 03/25/2021 to 05/19/2021.
- The NAEP covers mathematics and reading.
- The NAEP is required for fourth and eighth grade students selected to take the NAEP. All students are eligible for selection except those who take the IDAA and 1st year English Learners.

The Nation's Report Card releases Idaho results after spring testing. State testing happens on odd numbered years.

NAEP is a congressionally mandated project administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). More information can be accessed on their website at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

More information about NAEP can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/naep/>

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PSAT/NMSQT*

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test* is the qualifying test for entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program and connects students to College Board programs in preparation for the SAT. Idaho offers PSAT/NMSQT to the sophomores at no cost to districts, schools, parents, or students. The asterisk indicates that juniors may participate in the NMSQT at their own expense.



- The PSAT/NMSQT testing days are 10/14/2020 or 10/17/2020 (up to school). The makeup testing day is 10/28/2020. A new winter testing day is 01/26/2021.
- The PSAT/NMSQT covers reading, writing and language and mathematics.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is optional and state-sponsored for all tenth-grade students. The PSAT/NMSQT is optional for all juniors who would like to participate at their own expense.

A total score and section scores in evidence-based reading & writing, and mathematics is reported.

The testing vendor for the PSAT/NMSQT is the College Board and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

More information about the PSAT/NMSQT can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/>

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SAT

The SAT is used to fulfill the Idaho high school graduation requirement, as well as aiding the scholarship, course placement, and admission decisions at higher education institutions and other organizations. Idaho offers SAT to the juniors and seniors at no cost to districts, schools, parents, or students. It is required for graduation per IDAPA 08.02.03.105.03.

- The SAT primary testing days are 09/23/2020 and 10/14/2020 for the class of 2021. The makeup testing day is 10/27/2020 for the class of 2021.
- The SAT covers reading, writing and language and mathematics.
- The SAT is a college entrance exam for all eleventh and twelfth grade students.

A total score and section scores in evidence-based reading & writing, and mathematics is reported.

The testing vendor for the SAT is the College Board and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

More information about the SAT can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/>



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Surveys

There are student, parent, and staff satisfaction and engagement surveys. Students participate in a 20-question survey about their educational experiences and their responses are categorized as committed, compliant, or disengaged along three dimensions of engagement (cognitive, emotional, and behavioral). The parent survey includes 9 positive statements about their relationship with their child's school (e.g. "My child's school principal is accessible"). The staff survey presents 19 positive statements about their school's culture, resources for student learning, and support for staff. For the parent and staff surveys, respondents rate their level of agreement with the positive statements from strongly disagree to strongly agree. IDAPA 08.02.03.112.03 lists these requirements as school quality measures for accountability.

- The surveys testing window is 02/15/2021 to 03/31/2021.
- The surveys are intended for school quality feedback.
- The surveys are required for all students in third to twelfth grades, and for all parents and teachers of those students, respectively.

An overall, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional satisfaction & engagement percentages for the student survey. Overall satisfaction & engagement percentages for the parent and staff surveys. Question level results available for all surveys at the local level.

The testing vendor for the surveys is the Cognia and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://isde.onlinehelp.cognia.org/>.

More information about the surveys can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/surveys/>

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WIDA Screeners (Kindergarten W-APT / WIDA Screener)

ACCESS annually assess English learner English language Proficiency in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Idaho Code §33-1617 outlines the English Learner program requirements to achieve improved academic performance. Idaho Code §08.02.03. subsection 111.06.a through 111.06.m



- The WIDA Screeners testing window is from 08/01/2020 to 05/31/2021.
- The WIDA Screeners cover English language proficiency (reading, writing, listening, and speaking).
- The WIDA screeners are administered to provisional English learners newly enrolled in Idaho in grades kindergarten to twelfth.

The results from K WAPT include a Speaking and Listening oral proficiency score (low, mid, high, exceptional) and a Reading and Writing diagnostic score (skill description). The WIDA Screener results are reported as English proficiency levels and scale scores for each language domain and four composite areas: Level 1 (Entering), Level 2 (Emerging), Level 3 (Developing), Level 4 (Expanding), Level 5 (Bridging), Level 6 (Reaching).

The testing vendor for the WIDA Screeners is WIDA and more information can be accessed on their website at <https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/consortium/id>.

More information about the WIDA Screeners can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/elpa/>

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Civics

Idaho students will be required to take the United States Citizenship Test as outlined in Idaho Code §33-1602.7. The civics test may be taken as often as necessary for the student to pass the test. LEAs are required to assess all students using the questions from the U.S. Citizenship Naturalization Test.

- The Civics assessment administration date is determined by LEA.
- The Civic assessment covers civics.
- The Civics assessment is required for all students. It can be administered anytime between seventh and twelfth grades.

LEAs will determine the passing threshold a student will need to meet in order to fulfill the graduation requirement.

LEAs use using the questions from the U.S. Citizenship Naturalization Test from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. More information and example questions can be found on their website at <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/find-study-materials-and-resources/study-for-the-test>



More information about the Civics assessment can be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/civics/>

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