



June 2021 Webinar Q & A

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Can we submit one large file with the students whose parents opted out due to COVID-19?

A: You need to submit an appeal for each child in the participation rate appeals application. However, we are working on a process for districts to optionally bulk submit COVID-19 related non-participants who do not meet the appeals criteria via OTIS.

Could we just add all of the EDUIDs in one Incident?

A: The test incident log can collect multiple EDUIDs for one incident. However, the test incident log app is not the best place to collect COVID-19 non-participants who do not meet the appeals criteria. Please see the question above for more information about bulk upload of COVID-19 related non-participants.

General question - I do not see engagement surveys listed on the draft assessment windows calendar for SY2022. Is this an error or will there be changes in this administration?

A: Our apologies, that is an error. The engagement surveys are currently scheduled to open on 2/14/2022 and close on 4/1/2022. We will update the [calendar](#).

ISAT

We continue to see a lag in reporting of results (longer than 10 working days). Do you have a reason for the lag and when we expect all ISAT by SBAC ELA/math results to be available?

A: Correct. At the time of the original broadcast of this webinar, there were still a few grade 5 ELA full writes that had not been scored and were well beyond the 10-working day timeline. The Idaho SDE worked closely with our testing vendor in order to expedite the scoring of all

outstanding student responses. On Thursday, June 10th CAI confirmed that all Idaho student responses had been scored and student performance data was appearing in Reporting.

Longitudinal data is not displaying for ELA. When will it be available?

A: Our testing vendor – Cambium Assessment Inc. – informed the Idaho SDE that a patch was pushed to Reporting the weekend of 6/12-6/13, in order to correct this issue. That patch was pushed to Reporting and longitudinal reports can now be generated for Math and ELA (not for science). For ELA/L, after clicking the Build Longitudinal Report button, currently a pop-up appears with the labels “SUM_ELA_POSTCOVID” and “SUM_ICA_ELA_POSTCOVID”. For summative ELA longitudinal data select “SUM_ELA_POSTCOVID”. For Math, after clicking the Build Longitudinal Report button, currently a pop-up appears with the labels “SUM_MATHEMATICS_POSTCOVID” and “SUM_ICA_MATHEMATICS_POSTCOVID”. For summative math longitudinal data select “SUM_MATHEMATICS_POSTCOVID”.

Was the participation requirement waived for the spring '21 ISAT?

A: Not currently. However, the Board of Education is reviewing a waiver request for the participation requirement in their June 16th meeting.

Cambium mentions DOK reporting in one of the presentations. Idaho doesn't have this right now on reports. Will we in the future?

A: Perhaps. We are constantly interfacing with Cambium Assessment, Inc. in order to provide enhancements to existing systems. If there is substantial interest in providing Depth of Knowledge (DoK) alignment information in Reporting, please let us know.

Are the cut scores for scale scores in the Claims the same as the overall? Where do we find Claim cut scores?

A: Yes, the cut scores for Claim scale scores are the same as the cut scores for the overall test scale scores. In Reporting, click on a flyout for a Claim in order to see the average scale scores for that Claim. There are two resources that summarize the scale score range and achievement level cut scores for both ELA/L and mathematics. The first resource is “[ELA and Math Achievement Level Cut Scores](#)”. The second is “[Reporting and Scoring FAQ for SY20-21](#)”. The scale score range and achievement level cut scores do not yet exist for the science ISATs. The Idaho SDE is still planning to work with educators, stakeholders, and our testing vendor to finalize those at our standard setting meeting, currently planned for summer 2022.

Will the Authoring Portal have a Cambium item bank next year?

A: Perhaps. We are still finalizing Scope of Work and budget for next year, and inclusion of the Cambium Item Bank could be on the docket for SY21-22.

Did Cambium include any new tech enhanced type items this year in math?

A: To our knowledge, there were no new items types on the SY20-21 math summative ISATs. There was the new “pencil icon” item type that appeared on the science ISATs. Keep in mind that the main purpose of the Practice/Training/Sample tests is to allow students to practice with all item types prior to encountering them on the summative ISATs. Therefore, be sure to have students take the Practice/Training/Sample tests to experience all item types prior to taking their summative ISATs.

When will we have access to ISAT applications (like TIDE, AVA, etc.) for next year?

A: The Idaho SDE is finalizing those dates. Right now, TIDE is planned to open the second week of August 2021, and TDS & AVA are planned to open the fourth week of August 2021. These dates are subject to change, so be sure to check the Important Dates webpage on the ISAT Portal.

I've heard a rumor that ISAT ICA will be required in the Fall? (Learning Loss) Can you provide any info yet?

A: Districts were allowed to apply for funds to track and address potential learning loss that has occurred as a result of the pandemic. Attached to the acceptance of those funds is the administration of either an ICA (which includes a “CAT” & PT portion) or the SICA, in the fall of 2021. Therefore, administration of an ICA or an SICA in fall 2021 would be required for districts that applied for and accepted fund to track and address potential learning loss. For all other districts, the Idaho SDE strongly encourage the use of optional interims to track student progress.

IRI

Will the PowerPath and Ed Platform in Istation be available to all students- even those in districts that don't use Istation outside of administering the IRI?

A: Yes. PowerPath and the new Educator Platform will be available to all users in Idaho.