Fall 2020-2021 Assessment Administration Guidelines

TEST ADMINISTRATION BASICS

Fall IRI

When: 08/10/2020 – 09/25/2020

Who: All students in grades K-3

How long does the test normally take? Approximately 30 minutes

How do students participate? By accessing the Istation [application](#) or [web-based](#) assessment

[IRI Test Administration Manual](#)

ISAT Interims

When: 08/24/2020 –03/21/2021

Who: Optional, but available for students in grades 3-8 and High School

How long does the test normally take? 45 minutes to 2 ½ hours, depending on the interim option used

How do students participate? Standard administration is completed via the [Secure Browser](#) or the CambiumSecureTest application

[ELA/Literacy and Math Information; Science Information](#)

ELPA Screener (WIDA & Kindergarten K W-APT)

When: 08/01/2020 – 06/1/2020

Who: Students newly enrolled in Idaho schools indicating a primary language other than English

How long does the test normally take? 30-60 minutes, depending on the screener

How do students participate? Kindergarten and first-semester grade 1 students are administered a paper/pencil screener (K-WAPT), while students in second semester grade 1 – grade 12 are administered the WIDA Screener Online. A WIDA Screener Paper is available, based on individual student need.

[WIDA Kindergarten W-APT Test Administrator Manual, WIDA Screener Online Test Administrator Manual](#), [WIDA Screener Paper Test Administrator Manual](#)

SAT

When: 09/23/20, 10/14/20, and 10/27/20 (make-up)

Who: Seniors scheduled to take the SAT last year as juniors, prior to the COVID-19 based cancellation. This year's juniors (the class of 2022) are still scheduled to take the SAT, or other approved college entrance exam, in the spring.

How long does the test normally take? 3 hours

How do students participate? Via paper/pencil using the test booklets provided at the school or off-site location

[SAT Test Administration Manual](#)

PSAT

When: 10/14/20, 10/17/20, and 10/29/20 (schools cannot select both 10/14 and 10/17) New 01/26/2021 winter option

Who: Sophomores (the class of 2023)

How long does the test normally take? 2 hours and 45 minutes

How do students participate? Via paper/pencil using the test booklets provided at the school or off-site location

[PSAT Test Administration Manual](#)

TEST ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERATIONS IN THE FALL OF SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

If all students are attending school in person…
Category 1 in the Idaho Back to School Framework

Provide more space than normal to make sure students can participate while remaining socially distant. Take additional time to disinfect surfaces prior to and after a test administration. If needed, identify additional physical locations and *trained* test administrators to ensure all students can comfortably - and securely - participate. Also, take advantage of the entire test window or multiple testing dates. Anticipate having groups of students testing over a longer period of time than in previous years.

If students are both attending school and learning from home on staggered schedules…
Category 2 & 3 in the Idaho Back to School Framework

In addition to the Category 1 guidance, provide more time to administer the assessment than in the past to accommodate the limited time with students physically in attendance. When scheduling in-person assessments, pay attention to student schedules to make sure all students have the opportunity to participate. Some of the fall assessments also offer a remote administration option. However, be aware that remote administration is not always appropriate and includes its own set of considerations (see below).

If all students are learning from home…
Category 4 in the Idaho Back to School Framework

Remote administration has been made available for several fall assessments. When considering a remote test administration, carefully review the specific assessment guidance and test security protocols to ensure a standardized test administration that truly supports the goal of collecting valid and reliable student data.

- The Fall IRI is available for remote administration, but it must be enabled through a request process. See IRI specific guidance for additional information.

- The ISAT interim assessments are available for remote administration. This option is available automatically with the appropriate software. See ISAT Interim specific guidance for additional information.

- The standard WIDA screeners (K W-APT and WIDA Screener) for provisional English learners are not available remotely. However, to ensure that students have access to district English language support services in times of extended school closures, the Idaho SDE has created a process to *pre-identify* students for English support services using the WIDA Remote Screener. Students will still need to complete one of the formal WIDA screeners (K-WAPT or WIDA Screener) once the school opens to confirm eligibility. Pre-identification for English language support services can be found on the English Language Proficiency Assessment web page under the "Resource File" heading.

- The SAT and PSAT are not available remotely. Schools can register for a School Day date (or multiple dates) on which students will travel to a secure testing location to participate.

During remote administration, students need to have appropriate supports and accommodations. If districts are unable to provide the required components remotely, consider alternatives such as providing access to a testing facility or having a staff member bring the necessary resources directly to the student.

In addition, remote administration requires an emphasis on information security. Make sure the assessment approach does not compromise test items or personally-identifiable information, such as the ID students use to log in to an assessment.

Review the remote administration supplement for each assessment before proceeding.