UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENT’S SCORES ON THE IDAHO ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS

Your student’s score report for the 2019 Idaho Alternate Assessment in English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics provides your family with useful information, including:

- How your student scored on the end-of-year assessment in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics
- Whether this score met Idaho’s standards for achievement
- How your student’s score compares with students in the same school, the same district, and across Idaho

This brochure provides you with guidance on understanding the score report, answers a few frequently asked questions about the assessment, and offers direction on where to go to find additional resources.

SCORE REPORT GUIDANCE

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW
This “Test” heading tells you which subject and grade level the score report covers. The “Student Test Performance” section below it provides a brief score summary.

COMPARISON SCORES
Allows you to see how your student’s scale score compares with their peers at the school, district, and state level.

YOUR STUDENT’S SCALE SCORE AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE
Your student’s scale score and where it falls on the four achievement levels.

- A score at Level 4 or Level 3 meets or exceeds Idaho’s standards
- A score at Level 2 or Level 1 does not meet Idaho’s standards
- The small number to the right of your student’s score, following the (±) sign, represents the variance possible in the score if a student tested multiple times with the same assessment.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the score report tell me about my student’s level of understanding?
This report shows how your student is performing overall on the Idaho Alternate Achievement Standards and their performance in the categories that led to these scores. The scores are only one aspect of a student’s academic performance, but serve as an important measure of progress.

How do these scores affect my student?
Your student’s scores on the 2019 Alternate Assessment do not affect his or her report card or ability to move on to the next grade level. We primarily use these scores to help families, schools, districts, and the state understand and improve student academic achievement in Idaho.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
For more information about the test, additional FAQs, and helpful educational resources, visit sde.idaho.gov/assessment/sped

To learn more about the different achievement levels in the alternate assessment for each grade and subject area, including the types of skills students are expected to learn, visit idaho.portal.airast.org/resources/alternate-assessments-ela-and-math/

If you need your student’s score report or this guide in an alternate format, contact your student’s teacher