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Local, statewide ISAT scores finalized and available online

(BOISE) – Final 2018 results for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test are now available, posted Friday [on the State Department of Education website](http://www.sde.idaho.gov).

The ISAT results, firmed up from preliminary results released in June, show a general improvement in proficiency since spring 2015, the first year of the assessment. The latest results show 43.7 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards in Mathematics and 53.7 percent meeting or exceeding standards in English Language Arts/ Literacy.

“This information will help districts allocate resources to support teachers and students at the school level to make sure students learn what they need at each grade level to progress to new skills,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said.

Annual testing and support for districts and schools are an essential part of the State Department of Education’s mission, Superintendent Ybarra said.

“It’s about every student succeeding and growing to where they need to be,” she said. “All students matter, and these results help schools determine where students need help to maximize their strengths.”

The ISAT is given each spring to students in grades 3-8 and in grade 10 to provide a measure of students’ achievement of state content standards and growth in learning.

Each student’s ISAT results in mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy fall into one of four levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic and Below Basic. Students with scores in the top two levels exceed or meet grade level expectations on the Idaho Content Standards.

“The assessments ask students to demonstrate what they know and can do, including the ability to write clearly, think critically and solve problems, not simply regurgitate facts they have memorized,” SDE Assessment and Accountability Director Karlynn Laraway said.

Because ISAT assessments are given statewide, they provide an opportunity to measure the skills of all students against the same content standards in the same way, and the results provide information schools can use to improve teaching and learning.

Student participation in the ISAT has increased by nearly 7,000 students over the past three years, with 98 percent of students – about 168,000 -- participating in 2018, Laraway said.

Parents can review an [online guide on the SDE website](#) that explains the standards and scoring for the ISAT at each grade level and subject.

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Attached: An Excel worksheet with data and graphics showing overall results from FY 2015 through FY 18.

Reporters: State, district and school ISAT results for 2015 through 2018 are available on the SDE website, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/accountability/index.html>