



# 2023-24 A&A Important Updates

Last Updated 01/26/2024

## ISAT

### January

There has been an update to TIDE such that, beginning Monday January 15th, if a student's **Special Education status** is set to "Yes," then **Primary Disability Type** CANNOT be marked as **N/A, Not Applicable** or **left blank**. Users attempting to upload students in this manner will receive an error message. If you have already uploaded all your students into TIDE, then you need to make sure that **all your special education students have the correct Primary Disability Type coded in TIDE**.

Also beginning Monday January 15th, a student must have **Section 504 Status** OR **Special Education Status** set to "Yes" to enable the Text to Speech accommodation for ELA reading passages. Text to Speech for reading passages is listed as an accommodation in the Idaho Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines and may only be used for students who have an IEP or 504 and have this accommodation included in their IEP.

### September

Kristi Pierce is the new Science ISAT Coordinator. You can reach her at [kpierce@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kpierce@sde.idaho.gov) or at 208-332-6903.

Teachers will no longer be allowed to proctor their own students in the subject they teach on the ISAT. Flexibility in proctoring was permitted to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023. Teachers proctoring their own students in a different subject area is still allowable.

ISAT ELA/literacy and Math is required in grades 3-8 and 11. The Challenge Up feature is still available in TIDE under "Test Eligibility" to allow advanced 10<sup>th</sup> grade (and even more rarely, 9<sup>th</sup> grade) students who have received instruction on all high school standards to participate in grade 11 ISAT ELA and/or Math. Only District Test Coordinators can change the Challenge Up Field. It must be done separately for each individual student who will Challenge Up. The students who score proficient while participating in Challenge Up will have their proficiency and participation count when

their grade level cohort is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

ISAT Science is required in grades 5, 8, and 11.

ISAT Special Accommodations Request and ISAT Test Incident Log are located under the “Forms” field in TIDE.

Grades 9 and 10 ELA and Math ICAs and SICAs will be available during the summative window. This allows districts to test all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders at the same time. The available interims produce a scale score that is comparable to the summative ISAT and can be graphed on the same longitudinal report as the summative ISAT.

The remote ISAT was in place to accommodate COVID-19 disruptions and school closures, and it is no longer available this year. All students must participate in the in-person 2024 spring ISAT.

## NAEP

### January

This year is the first administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in an ongoing series of changes to capture more students. As more students across Idaho are choosing their schooling environment, more are choosing online education as their form of public education. This year, NAEP is not only using local schools' Wi-Fi, but also using Chromebooks in addition to the Microsoft Surface PCs. This is an important change to capture student data across Idaho and across the country. School staff have been working diligently to ensure a successful administration of NAEP in these new conditions and we thank them for their extra effort. Results of NAEP are anticipated next winter as the statisticians determine how these changes impacted NAEP trends.

### September

District notifications about NAEP were sent on 6/9 and reminders were sent on 8/8. These communications have attached Excel files with principal contact information. If something is not correct in these files, please update! Thank you for those that already have.

School notifications for NAEP 2024 went out on the morning of 8/15. Many schools were selected for NAEP. Please check that you are receiving emails from state

department staff and check your spam folders. If you have not received an email, it is possible that students in your school were not selected for NAEP.

## IRI

### September

Kacy Proctor is the new IRI Coordinator. You can reach her at [kproctor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kproctor@sde.idaho.gov) or 208-332-6988.

A few new important updates in Istation have occurred:

- The log out button is more visible (please make sure your students log all the way out of Istation for their score to populate).
- The priority report has added Lexile scores and the skill percentile rank for each student.
- Using the search feature in teacher resources is streamlined. You only need a word or 2 to search the topic or skill.
- Graphs at the end of each subtest are back! Your students will be able to visually see how they did at the end of each subtest!

The RAN (rapid automatized naming) is available for students in K-3 and is **not** required for all students. However, it is considered a tier 2 dyslexia screener.

Schools must continue to collect household income surveys from students in grades K-3 who are enrolled at a school that is under any of the USDA provisions (i.e. CEP) for the FY25 literacy intervention funds distribution.

Districts and charter schools can continue to administer the IRI remotely. See the [SDE Guidance Document](#).

### OPTIONAL GRADES 4 AND 5 ISTATION ADVANCED READING

For the first time, the SDE offers the grades 4 and 5 Istation advanced reading assessments to all districts and charter schools. Districts and charter schools are NOT required to offer these assessments to their students. The license has been activated for all districts and charter schools. Districts and charter schools may use the assessments to supplement the dyslexia requirement. Grades 4 and 5 Istation advanced reading assessments are NOT the IRI.

## **IDAA**

### **September**

Tested grades for school year 2023-24 are listed below.

- ELA/Literacy: grades 3 – 8 and 10\*
- Mathematics: grades 3 – 8 and 10\*
- Science: grades 5, 8, and 11

*\*NOTE: students who qualify for the IDAA will take their high school ELA/L and Math summative assessments in grade 10, even though high schoolers taking the ELA/L and Math ISAT will be tested in grade 11.*

## **CEE (SAT)**

### **September**

The SDE continues to financially support the SAT. Districts and charter schools are required to offer the SAT to their students. For more information on the CEE requirements, refer to the [SDE Guidance Document](#).

## **OPTIONAL GRADE 10 PSAT/NMSQT**

### **September**

The SDE continues to financially support the 10th-grade PSAT/NMSQT. Districts and charter schools are NOT required to offer the PSAT/NMSQT to their students. In the fall of 2023, PSAT/NMSQT became digital for the first time. Review the [in-school educator experience](#) for more information.

## **ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION SURVEYS**

### **September**

Requirements have changed: According to [IDAPA 08.02.03.112](#), Districts and charter schools must still administer surveys to assess the engagement and satisfaction of students, staff, and parents, annually, but now they may choose how and when to do so. Districts and charter schools will not send their survey results to the SDE, and those results will not contribute to the school identification calculation. Survey results

will not be posted on the Idaho Report Card, but the SDE encourages districts to share results with their stakeholders as they see fit. SDE also encourages districts to maintain survey administration records, in case the SDE were to request those records as part of an ad hoc audit or legislative request ([see details](#)).

## **DYSLEXIA**

<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/ela-literacy/dyslexia-information.html>

## **CIVICS**

<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/civics/>

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