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2017 ISAT results published for schools, districts

The State Department of Education released the results of the 2017 Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) 2017 for districts and schools through the K-12 Report Card available at <http://apps.sde.idaho.gov/ReportCard>.

Today's release makes available to the public data on student performance from the Spring 2017 ISAT in English language arts (ELA), math and science. The information includes student results for schools, districts and the state. The reports include aggregated scores for all students and results detailed by 19 groups reflecting ethnicity, gender, special program status such as English learners and more. Individual student results were made available to parents and guardians last spring.

Idaho saw increases in the numbers of students tested with about 5,000 more students testing in 2017 than in 2016 in ELA and math. The overall participation rate was slightly over 98% for both tests statewide.

With the increase in test takers, scores for 2017 varied slightly when compared to results from the 2016.

“We are expecting a much higher level of skill and knowledge of our students to ensure they are college and career ready,” said Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction. “My team is digging deeper into the data so we can align our state and federal resources to support student and school success as we transition into a new accountability system that helps target resources where they are most needed.”

Next month, a statewide task force will begin a [discussion](#) about Idaho's Comprehensive Assessment System working with Assessment Solutions Group.

Superintendent Ybarra said she is looking forward to the conversation about the assessment program. Plans are for the task force to meet about five times during the school year. The effort also will include focus groups and a statewide survey of Idahoans. A report detailing the task force's work will be released in June 2018.

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