

Quotes

“As a society, our No. 1 priority has to be making sure the next generation is ready to succeed in the world that awaits them. That is why Idaho has embarked on a voluntary, state-led effort to raise its academic standards and better prepare every child to compete in the 21st Century, whether they choose to go on to college, professional-technical education or into the workforce.”

– Superintendent Tom Luna

“We are confident that they will result in much improved educational outcomes for all our students.”

– Idaho College & University Presidents

“For business the core standards mean that we can have a highly educated and skilled workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. It means that Idaho businesses can give those jobs to Idaho students and won't have to import talent from other states.”

– Rod Gramer, Idaho Business for Education

“It's higher quality. It gets at more authentic learning for students so that they are better prepared as problem solvers, as critical thinkers for what lies ahead of them in their life.”

– Cindy Johnstone, Vallivue School District

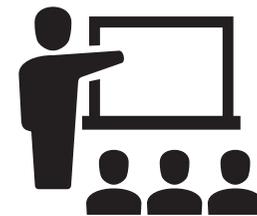
“After looking at the Common Core, it had a higher level of knowledge base and inquiry learning for kids instead of just rote memorization and regurgitating facts.”

– Bill Brulotte, Twin Falls School District

What's Next



2013: The state will invest heavily in professional development opportunities for all teachers.



2013-2014: The Idaho Core Standards will be first taught in Idaho classrooms.



2014-2015: The new assessment aligned with these standards will first be administered.

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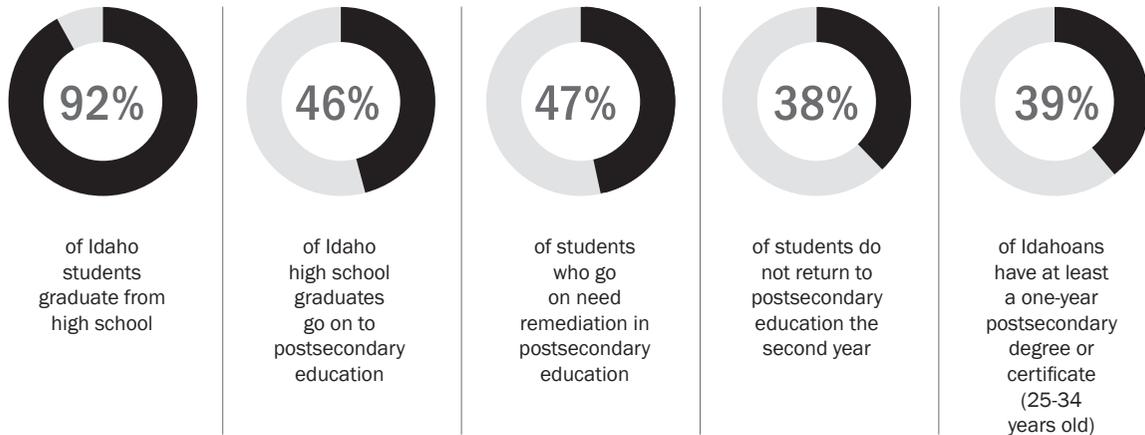


Idaho State Department of Education 2013

Why Transition to New Standards?

In Idaho, we face a challenge. While Idaho students perform well academically in grades K-12, too many students graduate from high school unprepared for the rigors of college, professional-technical education, or the workforce. Currently, only 46% of Idaho students go on to some form of education after high school. Of those who choose to go on, nearly half must take remedial courses once they get there.

Idaho is not alone. Other states face the same challenge. Knowing this, Idaho State Superintendent Tom Luna and Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter decided to work together with other states to find solutions.



Source: Idaho State Department of Education, U.S. Department of Education, Idaho State Board of Education & U.S. Census.

What Are the Standards?

States took the lead to develop new academic standards in the core subject areas of mathematics and English language arts that are higher, more in depth, and comparable with any other country in the world.

These new Idaho Core Standards will make sure every Idaho student graduates from high school with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed whether a student chooses to go on to college, professional-technical school, the workforce or the military after high school. The Idaho Core Standards will improve Idaho's public education system and boost the state's economy.



What's Different about the Standards?

English Language Arts and Literacy:

1. Students will read challenging texts in every class. They will continue to read classic literature, stories, and poems in English class, but they also will be challenged with studying and analyzing non-fiction texts in all subject areas as well.
2. Students must use evidence from the multiple texts in their oral presentations or written papers.
3. Students will learn an increased vocabulary across all grade levels.

Mathematics:

1. Students will work more deeply in fewer topics.
2. Students will understand why the math works and be asked to talk about and prove their understanding.
3. Students will be asked to use math in real-world situations so they can apply problem-solving and critical thinking skills.



A New ISAT

In Spring 2015, Idaho will transition to a new statewide assessment to measure students against the new Idaho Core Standards. Because the standards are higher, we know it will take students a few years to master them and reach grade-level proficiency.

“When we give the first assessments on these new standards, our students will score lower. It is not because our kids woke up one day and weren't as smart as they were the day before. It's because we are holding them to a higher standard, and that's a good thing for them and their future.”

- State Superintendent Tom Luna