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Statewide, district early reading test results show improvements

(BOISE) – Statewide, district and school final results are out for the fall Idaho Reading Indicator. Like the preliminary statewide data released in October, the results show that more Idaho students in first through third grade are performing at grade level than was demonstrated in the new IRI’s first outing last fall.

“Immediately after students completed the test, teachers in classrooms across Idaho began using this data to strategize, address individual student needs and bridge gaps,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “We expect more encouraging results this spring, when students take the IRI again and demonstrate what they’ve learned.”

In addition to local results, the new data release firms up the preliminary results while telling the same story:

- Kindergarten is the only grade level with a lower percentage of grade-level results than last fall’s testing: 42.3 percent, down from 44.9 percent. This drives home the importance of early literacy intervention: Too many Idaho children are entering school without the foundational skills they need.
- 49 percent of first-graders performed at grade level, up from 42.9 percent in fall 2018.
- 62.8 percent of second-graders performed at grade level, up from 60.3 percent last fall.
- 64 percent of third-graders performed at grade level, up from 61.2 percent last fall.

Members of the public can access statewide, school and district results on the [State Department of Education website](#).

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Attached: Graphics showing fall 2019 IRI results by grade and comparing fall 2019 results to fall 2018.