



# 2015-2016 ISAT Assessment

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## What is the ISAT Assessment?

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It is required that once a year, students in grades 3-8 and once in high school takes the statewide assessment known as the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) to determine whether they have learned the standards for their grade level.

## What standards does the ISAT cover?

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The ISAT assessment assesses students on the standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy.

## What were the results of the ISAT assessment from 2015-2016?

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The 2015-2016 school year was the second year the ISAT assessment was conducted statewide, and the statistical baseline for statewide assessment was established during the 2014-2015 school year.

The results from the 2015-2016 school year in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy are accessible through the [Idaho State Report Card](#). Final assessment results were released on September 9, 2016 following the appeals window.

## Who is considered a participant in the ISAT assessment?

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Local school districts are provided the opportunity to appeal individual assessment results—a successful appeal would remove individual results from the overall participation rate, be it for a significant medical emergency, invalid education unique identifier (EUID), or being a first-year Limited English Proficiency (LEP) student. The following are students who are considered to be a participant:

- Took the assessment,
- Received a valid score, and was assigned a proficiency level,
- Enrolled on or before May 6, 2016

## Graduation Requirement Eliminated

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During the August 10-11, 2016 Idaho State Board of Education meeting the proficiency requirement on the ISAT for graduation was eliminated in its entirety. This means that the ISAT proficiency requirement does not apply to any graduating class moving forward.

Proposed rules have a 21-day public comment period before becoming pending rule, and then must be approved by the Idaho Legislature. To view the language that was struck from Administrative Rule, [please read Tab 20, pages 5-6 of the August 10-11, 2016 board meeting](#).



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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- Q With the federal requirement being a participation rate of 95%, what is the overall statewide participation rate for Idaho?**
- A The overall Idaho statewide participation rate for 2015-2016 school year is 98.35%.
- A The statewide participation rate for the 2014-2015 school year was 97.8%.
- Q How many students participated in the year-end summative assessment in mathematics?**
- A 161,267 students participated in mathematics.
- Q How many students participated in the year-end summative assessment in English Language Arts/Literacy?**
- A 161,544 students participated in English Language Arts/Literacy.
- Q How will these assessment results be used by the Idaho State Department of Education?**
- A The Assessment Division will use the results to provide further professional development on implementation of the system of assessment and improve administration, including further emphasis on formative assessment, and use of documents and tools such as the digital library to support teachers in their classroom instruction and teaching strategies.
- Q How will these assessment results be used by local school districts, or by classroom teachers?**
- A Local districts may use these results different ways, and that question is best directed to a specific school district. Teachers may use these results in a variety of ways, one of which may be to review classroom reports that focus directly on the evidence students need to show for mastery of the standards. Each individual teacher would need to be granted access by their school district leadership to access these reports.
- Q What were the average testing times for each grade taking the mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy assessments?**
- A Testing times are posted on the SDE website under [Frequently Requested Data](#).