



ISAT Assessment

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What is the ISAT Assessment?

It is required that once a year, students in grades 3-8 and once in high school takes the statewide assessment known as the ISAT (A.k.a ISAT 2.0, SBAC) to determine whether they have learned the standards for their grade level.

What standards does the ISAT cover?

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

What were the results of the ISAT assessment from 2014-2015?

The 2014-2015 school year was the first year the ISAT assessment was conducted statewide, therefore establishing a new statistical baseline for statewide assessment results. The results from the 2014-2015 school year in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy are accessible through the [Idaho State Report Card](#). Final assessment results were [released on October 30, 2015](#) following the appeals window which closed on October 22, 2015.

Who is considered a participant in the ISAT assessment?

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 (EDUID), 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 8, 2015

Are students required to pass (be proficient) on the ISAT to graduate?

In October of 2015, the [Idaho State Board of Education approved two waivers](#) which would remove the testing requirement for 9th grade students and the graduation requirement for 10th grade students.

Graduation Requirement Permanently Lifted

In April of 2016, the Idaho State Board of Education permanently lifted the graduation requirement of proficiency on the ISAT. The removal of the proficiency graduation requirement must be approved by the Idaho legislature, and it is important to note that students still must take the ISAT assessment.