

PURPOSE OF STATEWIDE TESTING

A statewide testing program has been established by the Idaho State Board of Education. This district is required to participate in the statewide testing program so long as the program is funded by the state. The statewide testing program has been developed for the purposes of:

1. Providing comparative local, state and national data regarding the achievement of Idaho students in essential skill areas;
2. Identifying performance trends in student achievement across grade levels tested and over time;
3. Providing supplemental information to school districts that may be useful in evaluating local curriculum and instructional practice;
4. Screening students for special program entry and/or exit;
5. Diagnosing individual differences;
6. Developing student schedules;
7. Making differential assignments within classes;
8. Communicating school progress information to various publics;
9. Determining State Department of Education technical assistance/consultation priorities.

STATEWIDE TESTS

The statewide testing program consists of the following:

1. ISAT
2. Direct Writing Assessment;
3. Direct Mathematics Assessment;
4. IRI

This district will use the same security measures in protecting statewide testing materials from compromise as it does to safeguard other formal assessments.

TESTING OF STUDENTS

Students at the following grade-levels will be tested annually:

1. All students in grades two (2) through ten (10) are required to participate in the ISAT testing program approved and funded by the State Board of Education.
2. All students in grades five (5) seven (7) and nine (9) will participate in the Direct Writing Assessment.
3. All students in grades four (4), six (6) and eight (8) will participate in the Direct Mathematics Assessment.
4. All kindergarten students will be tested for reading readiness and phonological awareness using an assessment approved by the State Board of Education not less than two (2) times per year.
5. All students in grades one through three (1-3) will be tested for fluency and accuracy in reading by using an assessment approved by the State Board of Education not less than two (2) times per year.

The participation in the statewide testing program by students with disabilities will be determined by each student's IEP Team with or without accommodations. In no event will a student be denied the right to participate in testing.

Nonpublic students in the equivalent grades set forth above may take the exams at private school or parent/guardian expense.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

For the purpose of nonpublic school student participation in non-academic public school activities, the Idaho State Board of Education's recognized achievement tests are set forth below. A minimum score on each assessment for participation in non-academic activities is the student must be in the 50th percentile. The achievement tests must be taken annually. The score received will be used to determine participation eligibility for the following year.

1. Elementary level (K-5)—; ISAT
2. Secondary level (6-12)—; ISAT

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-203

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