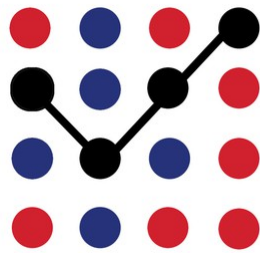


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SPRING
ASSESSMENT WINDOW
MARCH 2, 2020 - MARCH 24, 2020
GRADES KG-12

Spring Progress Assessments Next Month

It's amazing to think that our final diagnostic window of the year opens in March! Our spring window opens on Monday, March 2nd and closes with our doors for Spring Break on March 24th.

This is our final progress monitoring window for the following assessments:

- Civics Assessment for grades 07-12;
- IStation Reading for grades KG-05;
- i-Ready Diagnostic (mathematics) for grades KG-08; and
- NWEA MAP Growth (high school-equivalent mathematics) for grades 08-12



Why the earlier window than normal? - We're doing our best to avoid the ISAT testing window and provide as much evidence as possible on how students are progressing before the summative assessment.



When Do ISATs Begin?

The spring summative assessment window opens March 16th for the following tests:

- ISAT by Smarter Balanced (computer-adaptive tests and performance tasks) for both English language arts/literacy and mathematics (grades 03-08 and 10)
- ISAT Science Pilot Test (grades 05, 08, and 11)
- ISAT Alternative Assessment in English language arts/literacy and mathematics (grades 03-08 and 10)

A reminder that the best way to prepare students for the ISAT is by taking an interim assessment. **The interim assessment window closes on March 11th.** A full list of interims available in [English Language Arts/Literacy](#), [Mathematics](#), and [Science](#) (reminder – now grades 05, 08, and 11) will help guide teachers on what to choose to help students prepare for the depth of knowledge and student inputs/navigation that they'll experience on those assessments.

The end of the ISAT window is May 15th.

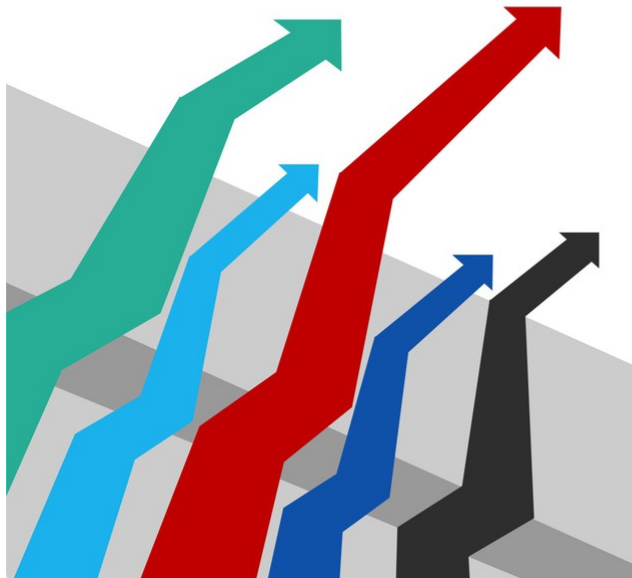


INFOGRAPHIC OF THE MONTH



COHORT GRADUATION RATE

—CLASS OF—
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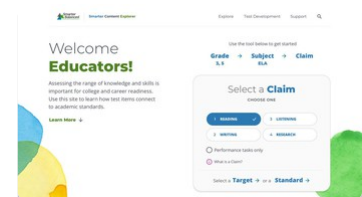


- 83% AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVES
- 75% LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
- 91% ALL STUDENTS
- 41% RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION
- 82% ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of students who graduate with a standard diploma within 4 years of first registration as a ninth-grade student.

Smarter Balanced Content Explorer

Want to share with students how standards become test items, practice for the exam, and interpret results? The new [Smarter Balanced Content Explorer](#) helps teachers guide students by understanding the claims, targets, and standards that are being assessed.



The new website includes information about what knowledge and skills are essential for college and career readiness. Teachers can use it to support their instruction, plan activities, and understand how standards relate to Smarter Balanced claims and targets. At the standard level, you can also click "sample items" which help demonstrate the complexity and depth of knowledge necessary for student success.

Additionally, the Smarter Content Explorer provides access to the full breadth of test design and development information, including summative and interim test blueprints that describe the content of the English language arts/literacy and math tests. Educators can access information about how test questions are structured and scored and download accessibility guidelines.

Schoolday SAT is April 14

Idaho has provided a free SAT exam to all high school Juniors for the past six years. This year's exam will be provided on **Tuesday, April 14th** at each of our high schools. This is a school day for only Juniors at our high schools and students in grades 09, 10, and 12 are excused from classes to ensure the highest quality environment for our students.



In preparation, students can use any of these resources to prepare:

- **Khan Academy** - with personalized practice linked to their PSAT results, students can log-in with Google at www.khanacademy.org;
- **CollegeBoard** - students can log-in with their [CollegeBoard account](#) (established with their school district email address) and take 6 full-length exams and join a study group;
- **Albert.io** - Used mostly for AP test prep, [Albert](#) is available to all of our secondary teachers and has course materials for English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and courses designed to help students prepare for the ACT and SAT. Students and teachers can log-in with their Google email address.



Engagement Surveys Start Next Week

Part of Idaho's accountability system, we are required to administer [parent](#), [staff](#), and student ([elementary](#), [middle](#), [high school](#)) engagement surveys each year. Our window for all surveys opens on Monday, February 18th and ends at the end of March when our district will be on Spring Break. A reminder that the links are not active until this coming Monday.

Please help get the word out about the importance of this feedback as a measure of school and district quality. In order to help guide students in grades 03-12, we've put together a [helpful script](#) that will help them navigate the sign-in process. Your building leadership or supervisor will be sending the staff survey and our district will be distributing the parent survey but you are welcome to send the link in your parent/school communications.

Assessment Training Video Released Soon

If you are **expecting to be in a testing room during any of the summative assessments, you'll need to watch our district training video and virtually sign the test security agreement** which will be released next week. Additionally, if you are planning to offer an interim assessment and/or give the summative test, you will need to be "test administrator certified." Now is the time to consider taking the [TA Certification Course](#) in order to begin an interim assessment and access the powerful [Digital Library](#), now linked to your Idaho Portal account.




For assistance and support, please reach out to Mike Nelson (msnelson@cdaschools.org) or use their interactive [Help Center](#).



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