

Required State and School Assessments

Idaho Virtual Academy (IDVA) is a public school and is required to participate in the state assessment system. Listed below are the current Idaho required assessments.

Kindergarten-3rd Grade: Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) – Fall & Spring

- The IRI is a reading screener and diagnostic assessment and Idaho's selected dyslexia screener for K-3rd grade. [Idaho code 33-1811](#) requires a dyslexia screener for grades K-5. Read more about the IRI here: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/iri/>
- The IRI takes students approximately 20 minutes to one hour to complete depending on the student's grade level and individual student factors.
- IRI results are distributed to parents by email within two weeks of completing the IRI.

4th and 5th Grade Dyslexia Screener

- [Idaho code 33-1811](#) requires a dyslexia screener for grades K-5. At this time, Idaho does not have an identified state administered assessment to be used for Tier I screening for grades four and five. Thus, local education agencies (LEAs) are directed to identify and use the tool they feel is most appropriate. IDVA's selected dyslexia screener for grades four and five is Amira Learning. Read more about Amira Learning here: www.amiralearning.com.
- The Tier 1 dyslexia screener takes students approximately 15 minutes to complete.
- Dyslexia screener results are distributed to parents by email within two weeks of completing the Amira Learning screener.

3rd–8th and High School (11th grade): Math and ELA Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and 5th, 8th, and 11th Grade: Science ISAT – Spring

- The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requires an approved consolidated plan for the state. The ISAT is the academic achievement indicator selected for [Idaho's Consolidated Plan](#). The ISAT is designed to provide systems level information for state, district, and school decision making on an annual basis. Summative assessments, which can be compared to a telescope, are useful for looking at large systems from afar and identifying patterns that might not be visible without that specific lens. Read about the ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System here: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-cas/index.html>
- Estimated testing times for ISAT

Table 12. Estimated Testing Times for ISAT ELA/Mathematics

Content Area	Grades	Full Form CAT hrs : mins	Performance Task (PT) hrs : mins	Full Form Total hrs : mins
ELA/Literacy	3–5	1:30	2:00	3:30
	6–8	1:30	2:00	3:30
	HS	2:00	2:00	4:00
Mathematics	3–5	1:30	1:00	2:30
	6–8	2:00	1:00	3:00
	HS	2:00	1:30	3:30

Table 13. Estimated Testing Times for ISAT Science

Grade	Total Estimated Summative Test Time hrs : mins
5	1:00–1:50
8	1:00–1:50
11	1:00–1:50

- ISAT results are distributed to parents/guardians with end of year report cards via email.

3rd–8th and High School (11th grade): Math and ELA ISAT Interim Assessments, ICA and SICA – Fall and Winter

- The Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Comprehensive Assessment System consists of Interim Assessments which are optional tests given during the school year to help monitor student progress; year-end Summative Assessment and access to Tools for Teachers which provides resources to teachers to use to improve student learning. Each of these are part of a coherent and comprehensive system of assessment designed to be used together to improve teaching and learning. Read about the ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System here: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/isat-cas/index.html>
- IDVA has chosen to utilize this system, including the Math and ELA interim assessments, to guide teaching and learning and improve student outcomes. The Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) is administered at the beginning of the year in the fall and at mid-year in the winter.
- Estimated testing times for ICA.

Table 2: Estimated Testing Times for Smarter Balanced ICAs

Content Area	Grades	Non-PT Items Hours:Mins	PT Items Hours:Mins	Total Hours:Mins
ELA/Literacy	3-5	1:30	2:00	3:30
ELA/Literacy	6-8	1:30	2:00	3:30
ELA/Literacy	HS	2:00	2:00	4:00
Mathematics	3-5	1:30	1:00	2:30
Mathematics	6-8	2:00	1:00	3:00
Mathematics	HS	2:00	1:30	3:30
Both	3-5	3:00	3:00	6:00
Both	6-8	3:30	3:00	6:30
Both	HS	4:00	3:30	7:30

- Interim assessment (ICA) results are distributed to parents by email within two weeks of completing the interim assessment.

12th grade: Civics and Government Proficiency (assessment or alternate path)

- [Idaho code 33-1602](#) requires a civics test for graduation.
- IDVA administers the Civics exam in the spring each year as part of the US Government course all seniors take.
- The civics exam includes 100 questions and takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- The civics exam is auto-graded and the results are immediately available in a student's US Government course.