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-11th Math and English/Language Arts (ELA) IXL Diagnostic Assessments—Fall, Winter, Spring

- The IXL diagnostic is an assessment toll that helps educators evaluate student knowledge and guide their instruction. The IXL Diagnostic uses item response theory to adjust the difficulty of questions based on a student's responses. It covers six math strands and four English/Language Arts (ELA) strands.

  - The real-time mode provides immediate feedback on student knowledge in math and English/Language Arts (ELA). Students answer questions in the Diagnostic arena, and the questions adjust based on their responses.

  - The diagnostic level reports show if students are on, above, or below grade level.

  - The diagnostic action plans provide a detailed breakdown of a student's scores and personalized skill recommendations.

  - The national norms compare a student's score to students nationwide.

- IDVA has chosen to utilize the IXL diagnostic assessments to guide teaching and learning and to improve student outcomes. The IXL Math and English/Language Arts (ELA) diagnostic assessments are administered at the beginning of the year in the fall, the middle of the year in the winter, and at the end of the year in the spring.

- IXL Math and English/Language Arts (ELA) diagnostic assessment results are available immediately in the student's account upon completion of the assessment.

- IXL recommends that students initially aim to diagnose until they reveal complete data. This should take about 45 minutes to 1 hour per subject. IXL suggests that students answer 10-15 diagnostic questions each week per subject to help keep their levels and recommendations up to date.

- Read more about the IXL diagnostic assessments here: https://www.ixl.com/diagnostic-hub

- Read more about IXL diagnostic cut points by month for Math and English/Language Arts (ELA) here: https://www.ixl.com/materials/us/Diagnostic_Cut_Points_August.pdf

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.