



A New State Assessment for Iowa

A HIGHER BAR FOR IOWA STUDENTS

Iowa adopted statewide standards in English language arts, math and science to ensure all students move from grade to grade with the skills and content necessary for success beyond high school.

Because Iowa raised the bar for what students are expected to know and be able to do, the state also changed the way progress is measured through state tests.

A new state test, the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress, replaced the Iowa Assessments. Students in grades 3 through 11 took the new test for the first time in spring 2019.

School-level results will be available to schools, parents and other stakeholders in November.

HOW TO INTERPRET RESULTS

Results re-set the baseline for future progress on the new state test.

Because this is a new, different test for students, results should not be compared to previous years.

Results will be used to report to parents and communities and to assist schools with improvement planning.

HOW PROFICIENCY WAS DETERMINED

Iowa Testing Programs and its vendor, Pearson, convened 185 Iowa educators and experts in July to determine through a collaborative, scientific process what “proficient” and “advanced” mean on the new state test.

The performance levels that resulted from that process were recommended for State Board of Education adoption in September.



ABOUT THE IOWA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS (ISASP)

- Developed by Iowa Testing Programs at the University of Iowa in collaboration with Iowa educators
- First administered in spring 2019 to students in these subjects and grade levels:
 - Math:** Grades 3-11
 - English Language Arts:** Grades 3-11
 - Science:** Grades 5, 8 and 10
- Includes an online format and assessment of student writing
- Better reflects what is being taught in classrooms because it is more aligned with Iowa’s academic standards
- Find more information about the test at: <http://iowa.pearsonaccessnext.com/>

