**Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) Update**

**Summary of Iowa Testing Program’s October 5, 2018 Presentation (**[**link**](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V1l8LRiVssu0V-Eb-EQn_wVgxOpz_c2X-VZhXIkml74)**)**

**Alignment Study**

* An external alignment study of the ISASP to the Iowa Core is nearing completion. The report is expected to be released in November 2018.
* Iowa Testing will use the results of the study for some last-minute changes to test items before the spring test.
* An alignment study is different from U.S. Department of Education peer review. Peer review will be conducted in October 2019 using data from the first year of administration.

**Test Administration**

* An accessibility and accommodations manual is in development and will be posted to the ISASP portal at the end of October.
* See slides 10-15 of the October 5 PowerPoint for examples of accessibility features.
* Online vs. paper/pencil administration will be a grade level decision. (Will not be able to test paper/pencil for ELA and online for math—same format for all tests by grade level.)
* Students will be able to pause testing and take the test over multiple sessions.
* Test is not timed; administration times are general guidelines.

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| Subject | Grades | Administration Time |
| Reading | 3-11 | 60 minutes |
| Language & Writing | 3-11 | 120 minutes |
| Mathematics | 3-11 | 60 minutes |
| Science | 5, 8, & 10 | 45 minutes |

* Schools may volunteer to test their technology readiness and the assessment in a 45-minute practice test session during January-February with a few classrooms.
* Fixed form, will be adaptive in Spring 2021.
* *DMPS Notes*:
  + Assessment, Special Education, and ELL will need to meet to discuss implications from the accessibility and accommodations manual after it is released.
  + Need to get input from elementary staff/leaders to determine which grade levels will want to do paper/pencil administration.
  + Will send practice test trial information to schools once it becomes available for schools who may want to participate.

**Professional Development Trainings**

* Dates and locations are still to be determined.

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| Topic | Dates | Focus |
| Assessment System | December 2018-  January 2019 | Provides an overview of the administration platform, processes for paper and online testing, the delivery platform, reporting, and test security. |
| Test Administration | December 2018-  January 2019 | Focuses on preparing for test administration and managing and monitoring live testing.  Topics will include creating and managing user accounts, creating student files, creating and managing test sessions. |
| Accessibility | December 2018-  January 2019 | Introduces the Accessibility and Accommodations Manual and offer opportunities to train educators on system tools, features and accommodations. |
| Test Resources | December 2018-  January 2019 | Reviews test specifications, item types, practice items, formula sheets. |
| Score Reports | August 2019 | Will include an overview of the state’s results, student reports, and metrics. |

* *DMPS Notes:*
  + Assessment team will attend training and determine the best method for delivering information to school staff—will likely need some Wednesday release time.
  + Will invite special education and ELL staff to the accessibility training.
  + Let Mary Grinstead, Jeff Panek, or David Roney know if you are interested in attending any of the sessions so we can pass along training session information.