

**Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)****Overview of the Assessment**

- 1. The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is aligned with the Iowa Core standards, providing a clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes.**
  - The new assessments are developed for the state of Iowa and align with the grade-specific Iowa Core standards.
  - The new assessments were developed in collaboration with Iowa educators.
  - The new assessments will be available online and in paper and pencil form.
  - Math and science tests will be available in Spanish.
  - The new assessments will be administered beginning in Spring 2019 in the following subjects and grade levels:
    - Math: Grades 3–11
    - English Language Arts, including reading and writing: Grades 3–11
    - Science: Grades 5, 8, and 10.
- 2. The new ISASP assessment is supported by responsive, Iowa-based experts and vendors.**
  - The assessment will be delivered and supported by Iowa-based Pearson, ensuring local support in the implementation process and rapid-response to any challenges.
  - Pearson will provide materials and support for district officials and conduct training programs for school administrators to manage the online test taking process. We are working closely with teachers and administrators to ensure a smooth rollout.
- 3. The move to online delivery and innovative technology-enhancements heralds a new era in Iowa. Feedback on learning outcomes is quicker and more accurate than ever before.**
  - Where previous tests relied heavily on multiple choice questions, the new English, math and science tests will evaluate students' skills using a mix of item types including technology-enhanced questions as well as open-ended essay questions.
  - By allowing students to manipulate material on the screen, the technology-enhanced questions provide greater insights into learning than previously used multiple choice questions.
  - Online testing broadens its accessibility to students with a wider array of learning needs.
  - Efficient, automated scoring of open-ended questions – validated by human quality control processes – will shorten the delivery of results.
- 4. The new assessments will provide parents with actionable information about their child's learning.**
  - The results will provide a detailed analysis of how students performed relevant to the proficiency definitions set on the Iowa Core standards.
  - Over time, parents will also be able to access year-over-year analysis of how their child performed from one year to the next.