

**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 assessments are developed for the state of Iowa and align with the grade-specific Iowa Core standards.
 - The assessments were developed in collaboration with Iowa educators.
 - The assessments will be available online and in paper and pencil form.
 - Math and science tests will be available in Spanish.
 - The assessments will be administered each Spring 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 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.
- 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 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 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.