

This spring, students across Idaho will take end-of-year ISAT assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science. Although the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) expects all students to test in person, districts can administer the assessments remotely. If you are administering remote assessments, you might have some questions.

How will I know which students are testing remotely?



Work with your district and school test coordinators to identify students testing in-person and those testing remotely. All students need to have the opportunity to participate in the assessments and the mode of administration may be based on individual student needs, rather than standard class or school rosters. Some accessibility features and accommodations may necessitate that a student take ISATs in-person. Remote test administration is not available for the Idaho Alternate Assessment.

If I have students testing remotely, what can I do to help them prepare?



Prior to testing, work with your students and their families to make sure they understand the plan for remote testing and the technology required; such as a computer with a microphone, speakers, a webcam, and an internet connection. You should take advantage of the opportunity to have students practice testing from home using the remote proctoring system, so you both know what to expect and how to use the tools available to you. Ensure students practice and are familiar with using any accessibility features or accommodations well before test day.

How will students access the remote testing site?



To start, you begin a test session via the remote proctoring site. You can schedule these sessions in advance. When you start a session, the site will provide you with a session ID that you will share with students. Please be aware that students will need their state student ID to access the test and you must have a way to share this information securely with them if they do not know this information. For example, you may have a secure parent portal you can use, or you can contact the family by phone. Do not post the student ID anywhere someone other than the student and their family can see the information.

How will I be able to communicate with students who are testing remotely?



Students can request a one-to-one conversation with you through the remote testing system by virtually “raising their hand.” You will be able to see that the student needs assistance and can use the online chat feature or have a direct video conversation, if their families have agreed to remote video.

Where can I Find more information?



Check out the Idaho Portal to see more answers to frequently-asked-questions and guidance documents. Visit <https://idaho.portal.cambiumast.com/resources#text=Remote%20Administration>