



**WEBINAR: ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System:
What's New for AIR Systems
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Q: For dual enrolled students, which school is responsible for their testing? Last I knew, if they took ELA at a particular school, then that school was responsible for their ELA ISAT tests. Is that still accurate?

A: If a student takes an ELA course in one school, this school should test them in that subject. The same applies to math; the school that provides instruction should be the school testing the student in that subject.

Q: Will you be reviewing the Data Entry Interface for hand scoring?

A: The DEI has to do with the entry of responses for students taking accommodated paper assessments. It is not for hand scoring. The Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS) was reviewed in this webinar. There are few changes to that application.

Q: Where did you say we could find the webinars or sign ups?

A: Past webinars are posted on the SDE Website: Assessment, Resources, Training tab.

Registration links for upcoming webinars are posted in the Assessment email newsletters that go out every other week and are also posted on Edmodo. In addition, they are mentioned in the monthly assessment director calls.

Registration for portal announcements are available when clicking the "Register for email alerts" in the top right corner of the ISAT portal (<http://idaho.portal.airast.org/>).

Q: Do the Primary Disability Codes for TIDE match those used in ISEE? I am having to edit those codes in the upload file that is sent to me by our IT/ISEE admin.

A: The changes for this year are more accurately depicting what is in ISEE, however the fields in the upload file are still limited to three characters.

Q: If you give a student an interim at different times during the year will you be able to see the longitudinal data?

A: Yes. The longitudinal data will now show in AIR Ways Reporting, in addition to showing in ORS.

Q: Is the "Alt Assessment" flag only available in the TIDE User Interface?

A: No. Users are allowed to enter the "Alt Assessment" flag via the student upload file as well. However, the "Special Education Status" must be marked as "Yes" in order to select the "Alt Assessment" flag.

Q: Are we able to disable regular ISAT tests for alternate assessment students?

A: The regular ISAT is not available to students once the "Alt Assessment" flag has been selected.

Q: Is there data that supports the use of Interim assessments vs. not using them? Do districts that use them have better results?

A: Yes, there is informal data that suggests this. About 130 of 159 districts used the Interim assessments to some degree last year. Those that have deliberate and systemic implementation of the whole 'system of assessment' tended to be those that showed gains both this year and last. In addition we have tracked anecdotal data that suggests benefits such as reduced testing times on the ISAT, reduced student anxiety, greater student preparedness using the testing interface and tools, increased teacher understanding. Please contact Nancy Thomas Price directly if you are looking for specific case studies or more detailed information.