

To: Parents and Guardians
RE: ISASP-The new Iowa assessment
Date: February 2019

For many years students in our district, as well as districts across the state, have been assessed on an annual basis with the Iowa Assessments. The Humboldt Community School District has traditionally elected to administer these assessments in October. Last spring the Iowa legislature determined that all students in Iowa would be assessed using a new test called the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). These new assessments are developed by Iowa Testing Programs at the University of Iowa delivered and supported by Iowa-based Pearson, for the state of Iowa. The assessments are aligned with the Iowa Core standards and provide a clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes. Student growth, proficiency and readiness indicators will be reported. The new assessments are required to be administered between March and May 2019 and will be available in online and paper formats. The grade levels, tests, and recommended administration times are provided below:

Tests	Grade Levels	Recommended Administration Time (Minutes)
Reading	3-11	60
Language Arts and Writing	3-11	120
Math	3-11	60
Science	5, 8, 10	60

Humboldt 3rd-11th grade students are scheduled to start our tests the week of April 8th using the online format. During this first year of administration, it is anticipated that results may not be available until late summer or early fall of 2019. For more information and for access to the practice assessments, which anyone can take, click on the Test Preparation tab at iowa.pearsonaccessnext.com. If you have any questions about these assessments, please contact the district curriculum office or your building principal.

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