

State of Assessment



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Idaho's Testing System

- Idaho Reading Indicator in grades K-3.
- Idaho Standards Achievement Tests in Math, Reading, Language Arts in grades 3-10. Science in grades 5, 7, 10.
- College Entrance Exam in grade 11.

Significantly less statewide testing than even five years ago.

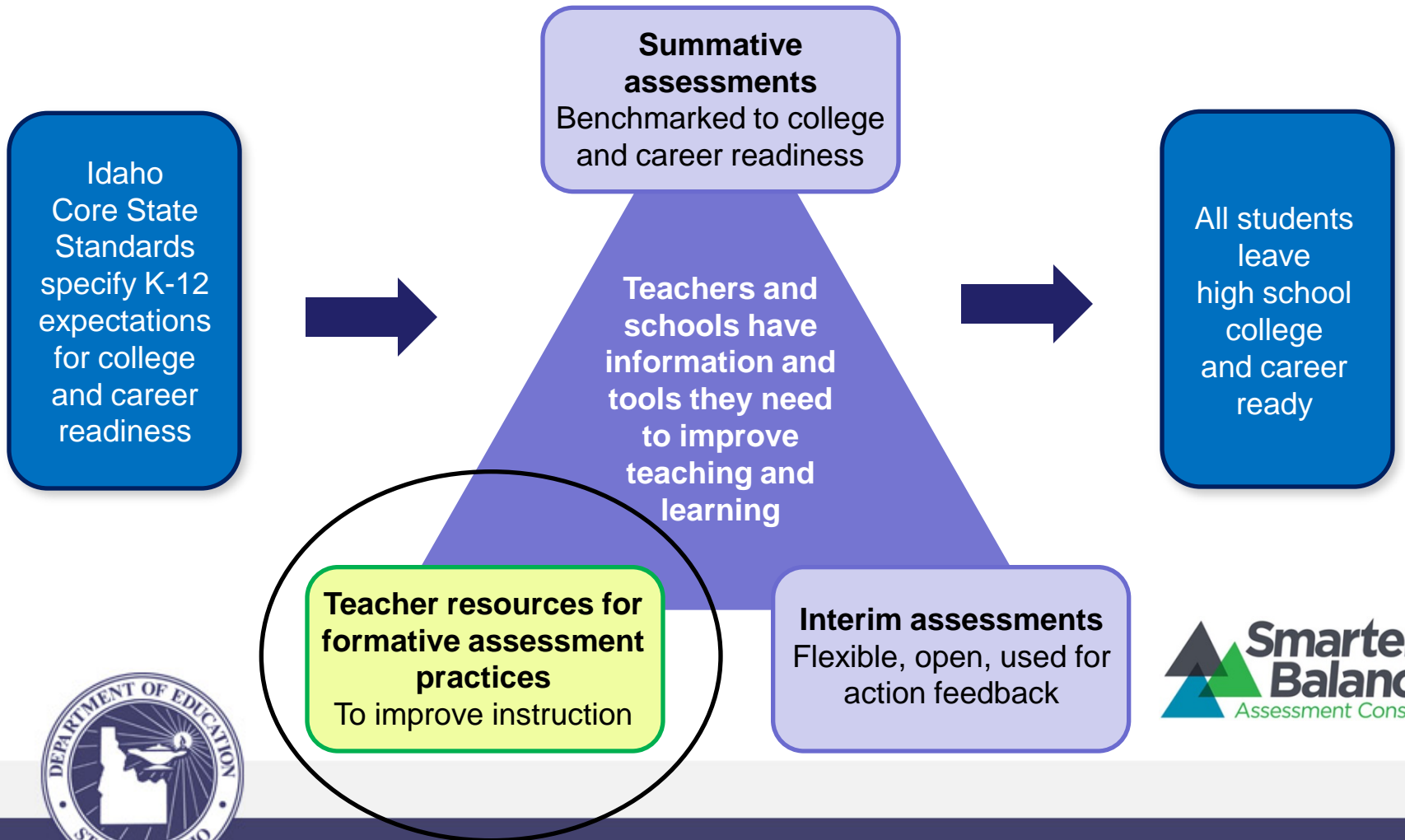


Smarter Balanced Assessment Transition

*Idaho's New Assessment
System: Not Just a Test*



A Balanced Assessment System

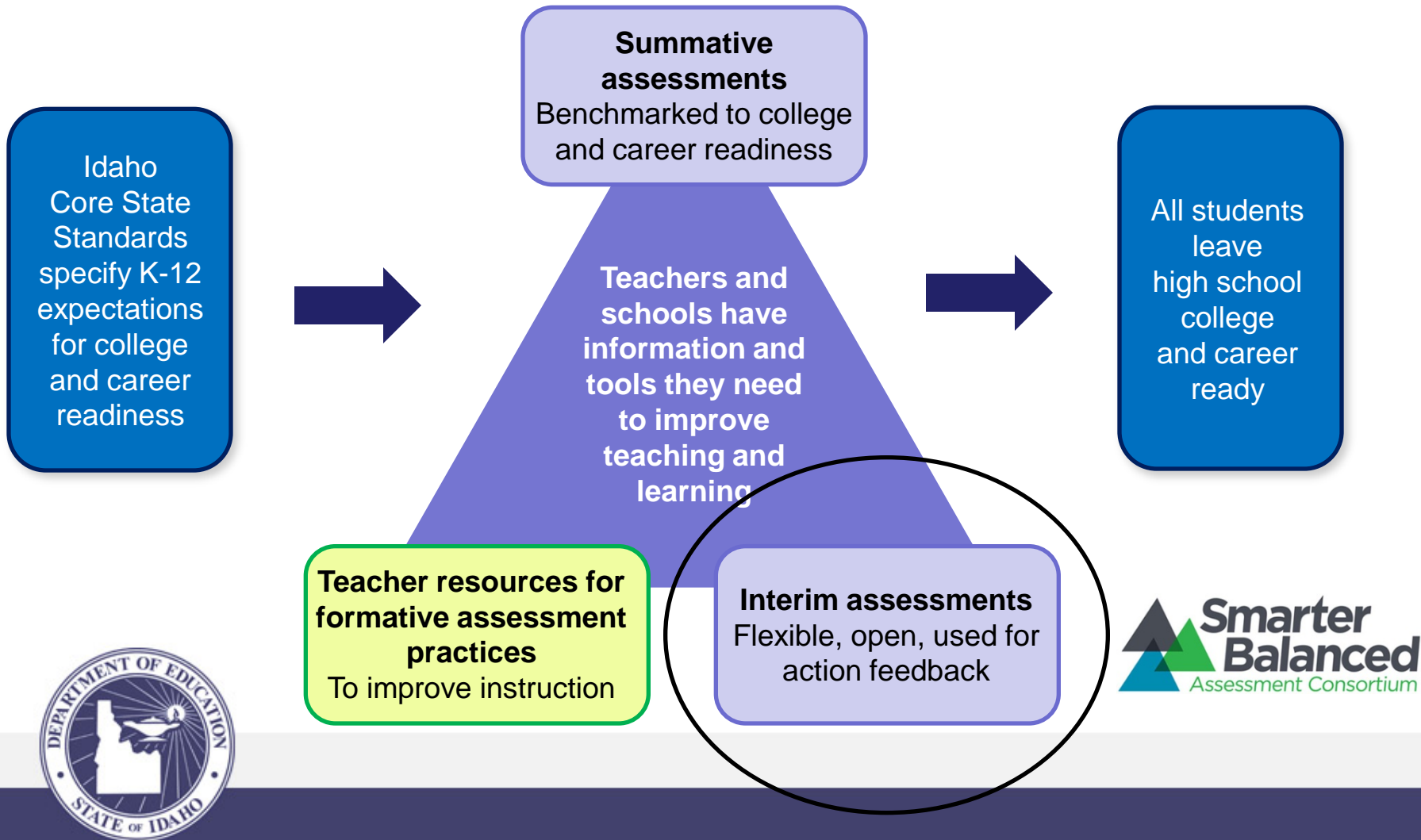


Formative Assessment

- 80 Idaho educators are working with other states to build a digital library that every teacher will be able to access to improve assessment literacy.
- Resources will include how teachers can build a lesson plan utilizing formative assessments.
- Formative Assessments are classroom-based assessments given by teachers as needed throughout the year to assess a students' skills and knowledge in a specific area.



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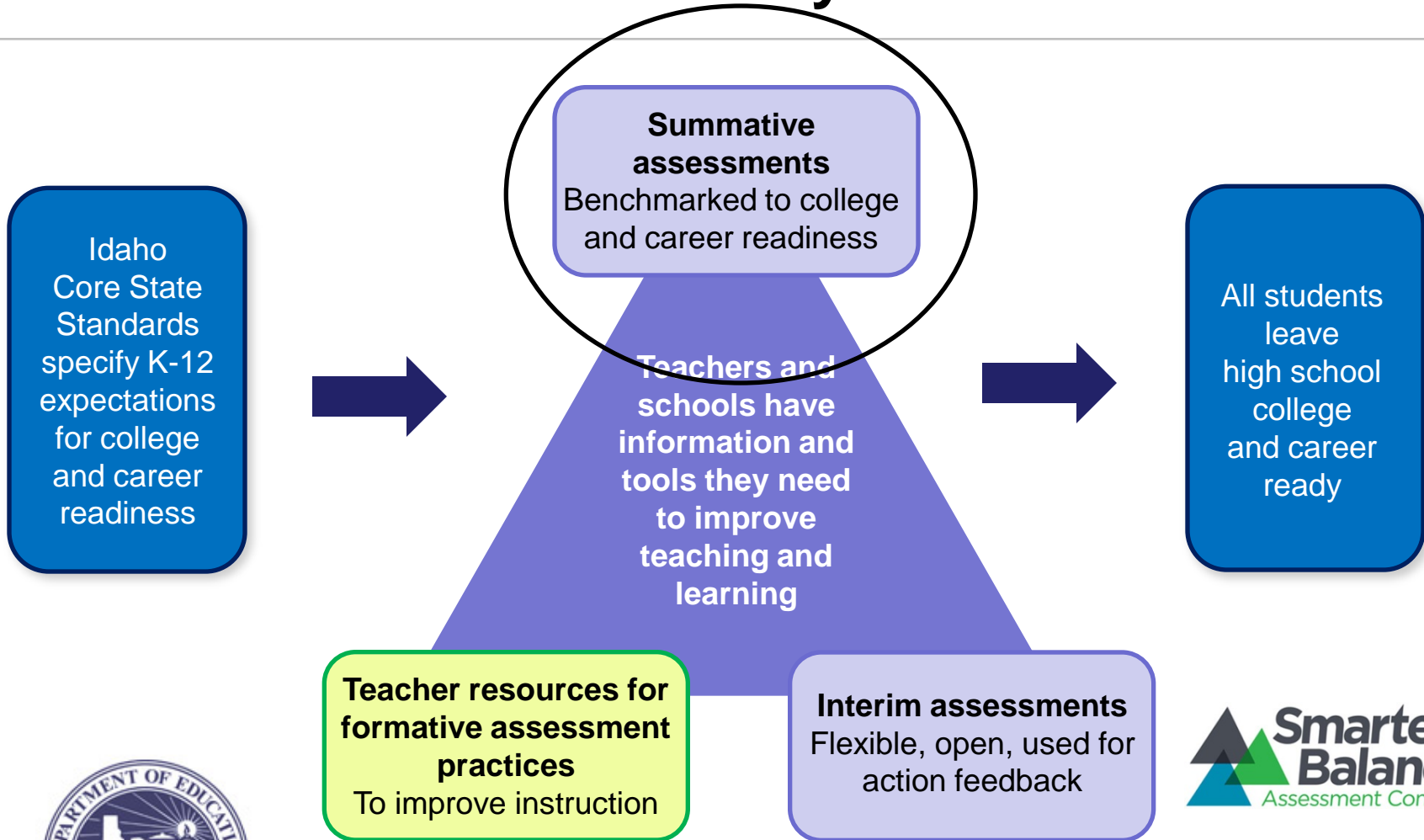


Interim Assessments

- An Interim Assessment is when a teacher repeats the same test at a set interval over time to measure a student's growth.
- These assessments are not tied to individual grades but used to measure progress.
- The Interim Bank currently is in development and will be operational for the 2014-2015 school year.



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Summative Assessment/ISAT Timeline



Pilot Test

- 124 schools in Idaho administered the Pilot Test in Spring 2013.
- Pilots were given in different school sizes, grade levels and regions.
 - For example: 493 tests at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls to 6 tests completed in Bliss.
- Idaho is currently conducting a survey on the test's operation.
- Idaho educators also are working with teachers in other states to evaluate pilot test items and determine whether they should be included in the field test.



Practice Test

- Practice Tests and Scoring Guides are now available for each subject area and all grade levels.
- Practice Tests can be used for the following:
 - Lesson plans
 - Professional development
 - Communication efforts with parents

Access the Practice Tests online at:
<https://sbacpt.tds.airast.org/student/>



What do SBAC Assessments Look Like?

[Test Items on SBAC Website](#)

<http://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/itempreview/sbac/ELA.htm>

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Field Test

- Our Goal: Give Idaho students the opportunity to experience the new test in Spring 2014.
- Students in grades 3-11 will take the field test.
- Testing window will be seven weeks April-May.



What the Test Looks Like

- Math: 40-50 random items
- ELA: 40-50 random items
- 4 Kinds of Test Questions:
 1. Multiple Choice
 2. Constructed Response
 3. Technology Enhanced
 4. Performance Tasks



How Long the Test Will Take

Test Type	Grades	CAT	Perf Task Only	Total	In-Class Activity	Total
English Language Arts/Literacy	3-5	1:30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	6-8	1:30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	11	2:00	2:00	4:00	:30	4:30
Mathematics	3-5	1:30	1:00	2:30	:30	3:00
	6-8	2:00	1:00	3:00	:30	3:30
	11	2:00	1:30	3:30	:30	4:00
COMBINED	3-5	3:00	3:00	6:00	1:00	7:00
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	11	4:00	3:30	7:30	1:00	8:30



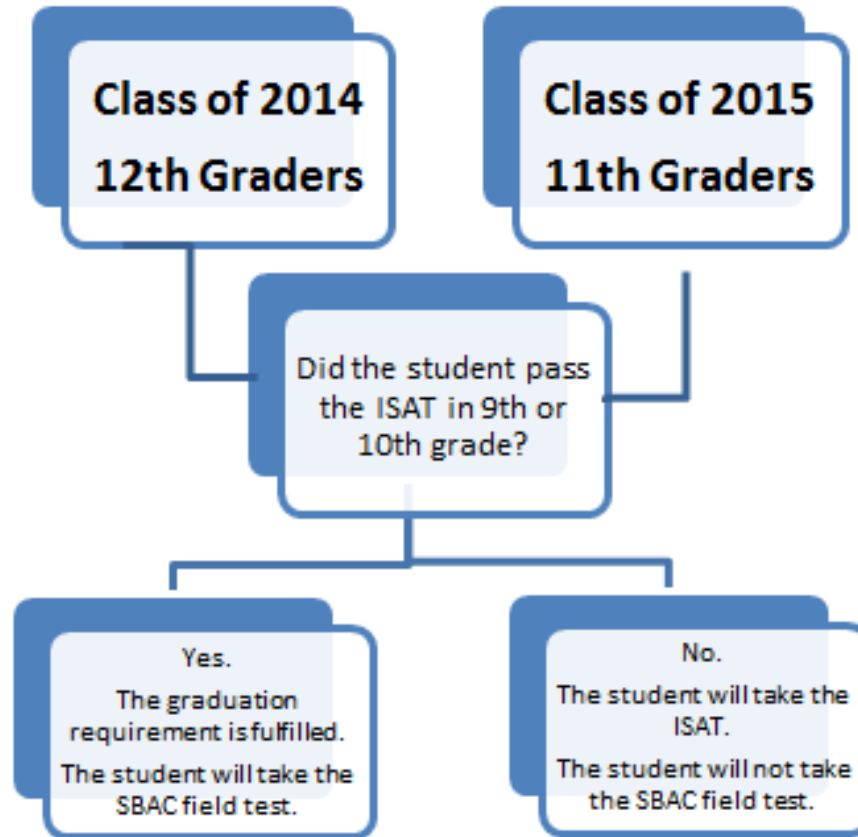
Times are estimates of test length for most students. Smarter Balanced assessments are designed as untimed tests; some students may need and should be afforded more time than shown in this table.

Science ISAT Still in Place

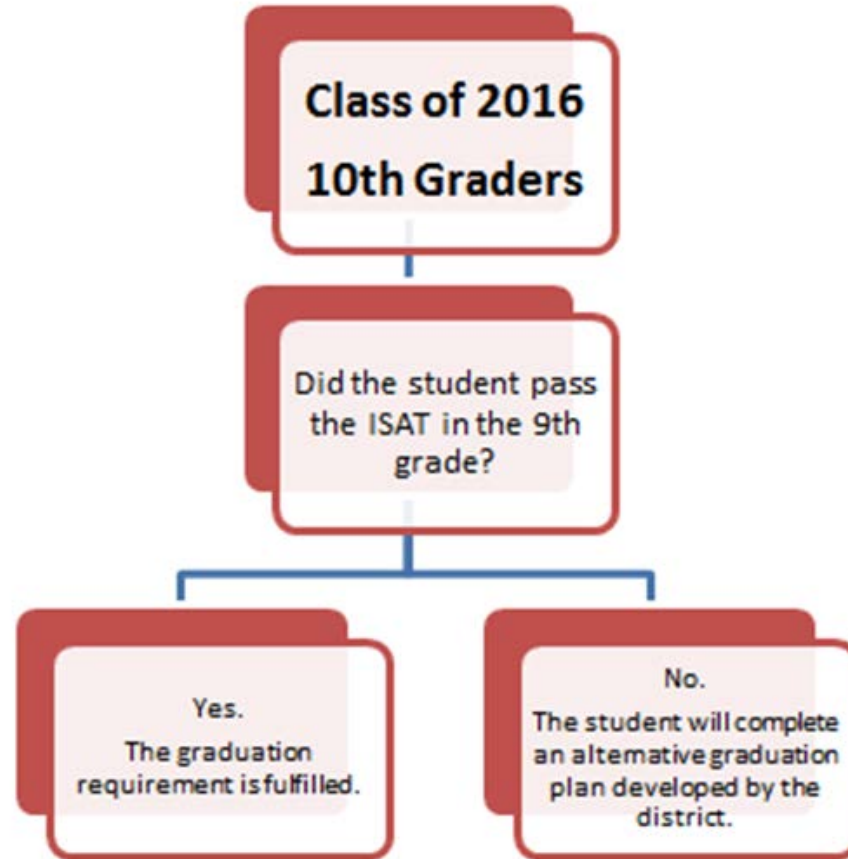
- Idaho is not currently participating in “Next Generation Science Standards.”
- Grades 5, 7, and 10 will continue to take the Science ISAT based on Idaho’s current science standards developed by Idaho teachers.
- The Department will be recruiting schools soon for a field test of Science End-of-Course exams.
- Currently passing 10th grade ISAT science is not a graduation requirement
- Piloting End of Course Assessments in biology and chemistry.



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**Class of 2017
9th Graders**

**Class of 2018
8th Graders**

Students will take the SBAC and be required to meet proficiency.

Cut scores will be phased in.



Idaho's Accountability Plan



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- Star Ratings and Accountability calculated for the 2012-2013 school year will remain in effect for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Star Ratings and Accountability will be recalculated in 2014-2015 when the new Smarter Balanced assessment is first administered for accountability purposes.



Idaho's Plan

- Idaho will amend its ESEA Waiver to reflect changes to the state's Accountability Plan.
- This requires approval from the Idaho State Board of Education and U.S. Department of Education.
- Creating a committee to review star ratings for ESEA renewal in February.



College Entrance Exam

- A college entrance exam was added as a graduation requirement in 2007 for the Class of 2013.
- The SAT was selected as the state-provided college entrance exam for high school juniors.
- We just finished the second year of Idaho SAT School Day. 17,000 public high school juniors took the test in April.
- 25% met college- and career-ready benchmarks in all three subject areas.
 - 1/3 were college- and career-ready in each subject: Reading 33%, Writing 30%, Math 33%



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