

Iowa Assessments Vendor FAQ

Vendor Name: Riverside Insights

Product Name: *Iowa Assessments*™

Question	Answers
<p>What grades are covered?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math K-8, Algebra I & II, Geometry • English K-8, English I-IV • Science K-8, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), Biology • Social Studies K-8, World Geography, World History, US History, Government, Economics • Spanish Language Assessments: <i>Logramos</i>® Tercera Edición: K-8 Reading, Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
<p>Is there a pre/post-test?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Districts can administer the <i>Iowa Assessments</i> more than once during the school year and compare results from different testing windows. This allows educators to measure how much a student's performance has changed over time.</p> <p>Because the assessment uses a consistent scoring scale across grade levels, districts can compare results from a beginning-of-year test to an end-of-year test to evaluate student growth.</p>
<p>What are the Iowa Assessments?</p>	<p><i>Iowa Assessments</i> are standardized achievement tests that measure student learning in core academic subjects including Reading, Language, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.</p> <p>The assessments were developed at the University of Iowa and are supported by more than 90 years of educational research and test development. They are designed to give educators reliable information about student academic performance and how it compares to students nationwide.</p> <p>Results help educators understand how well students are performing in each subject area and identify strengths and skill gaps where additional support may be needed.</p>

<p>What was <i>Iowa Assessments</i> designed to do?</p>	<p><i>Iowa Assessments</i> were designed to help schools understand what students know and how their learning is progressing over time.</p> <p>Districts commonly use the assessment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand student achievement in core academic subjects • Identify strengths and areas where students may need additional support • Track student progress across the school year and across grade levels • Compare student performance to national benchmarks • Support instructional planning and program evaluation <p>The assessment results can also help schools monitor overall academic progress for groups of students, classes, or entire schools.</p>
<p>How can I use the <i>Iowa Assessments</i>?</p>	<p>Schools and districts use <i>Iowa Assessments</i> for several purposes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring student achievement in core academic subjects • Monitoring academic progress over time • Identifying students who may benefit from additional support or enrichment • Evaluating the effectiveness of instructional programs • Informing instructional planning and resource decisions • Supporting district reporting and accountability needs <p>Because the assessment provides results at both the student and group level, districts can analyze performance across classrooms, schools, or the entire district.</p>
<p>Do the <i>Iowa Assessments</i> provide expected growth targets for students? Yes/No Answer</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Student growth can be evaluated by comparing scores from multiple test administrations over time. This allows educators to see how much a student’s academic performance has improved between testing periods.</p> <p>Because the assessment uses a consistent scoring scale across grade levels, changes in scores can show how student learning is progressing from one testing window to the next.</p>
<p>How can districts use the <i>Iowa Assessments</i> to determine end-of-year student growth for purposes of TIA?</p>	<p>Districts can measure student growth by comparing results from a beginning-of-year administration of the <i>Iowa Assessments</i> with results from a later administration during the school year.</p> <p>By examining how student scores change between testing periods, districts can determine whether students have made expected academic progress. Results can be reviewed at the student, classroom, campus, or district level to evaluate overall growth.</p> <p>Because the <i>Iowa Assessments</i> use a consistent scoring scale and national comparison groups, districts can interpret score changes with confidence when evaluating student progress.</p>

<p>What types of data reporting capabilities are included with the <i>Iowa Assessments</i>?</p>	<p>Iowa Assessments results are available through web-based reporting in the Riverside Insights DataManager system.</p> <p>Reports are available at multiple levels, including:</p> <p>Student-level reports that show performance in each subject area and skill domain</p> <p>Classroom and school reports that summarize results across groups of students</p> <p>Item and skill-level analysis that helps educators identify areas where students performed well or may need additional support</p> <p>Longitudinal reports that show how student performance changes over time</p> <p>Districts can also generate reports that compare performance across groups of students or demographic categories.</p>
<p>What outcomes studies have been done on the <i>Iowa Assessments</i>' efficacy of the tools used and outcomes for student growth/performance?</p>	<p>The <i>Iowa Assessments</i> provide information that can use to support instruction and monitor student growth. Teachers can use test results to evaluate the progress of an entire class. Educators can monitor student growth by comparing results from multiple administrations. The <i>Iowa Assessments</i> report student achievement and student growth data, and support inferences about college and career readiness. The <i>Iowa Assessments</i> are supported by technical research and validation studies. The appropriate supporting documentation can be found in the <i>Iowa Assessments Guide to Research and Development</i> (available upon request).</p> <p>Information on how to use <i>Iowa Assessments</i> to support student growth can be found here.</p>

For more information on this resource please refer to the vendor website and reach out to a representative.

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