



August 20, 2018

Dear Idaho Parent,

This fall, your student will be taking a new **Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI)**, provided by Istation.

The new IRI assessment measures multiple areas within the five foundational reading skills through the subtests letter knowledge, alphabetic decoding, spelling, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency, with age and developmentally appropriate activities for students in kindergarten through third grade.

*The scores are based on the following NEW Tier levels:*

- **1 (Benchmark)** Indicates the student's skills matched those expected of successful learners.
- **2 (Strategic)** Indicates the student may need support to further develop their skills or could be lacking certain skills needed to be a successful learner.
- **3 (Intensive)** Indicates the student lacks some key reading skills, and could benefit from additional learning opportunities.

Your child will be tested again in May to determine his or her annual improvement of foundational reading skill development.

To learn more about [Istation](#), you can access a YouTube informational video here: If you have questions about how the assessment will be used in your school, please contact your child's teacher. If you would like additional information about the new IRI assessment, please visit the Idaho State Department of Education website, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/iri/> or contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Arrate".

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