

# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO

## Istation (ISIP Early Reading, ISIP Advanced Reader, ISIP Español)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level content and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. Students gain from assessment data because teachers know what students need. Teachers gain from assessment data because they grow as educators to meet the needs of their students.



### WHAT IS Istation?

Istation is administered online in an individual, small group, or whole class setting to Kindergarten through fifth grade students. The main purpose of this test is to identify specific areas of strength and need that may exist in your child's literacy development. Istation fulfills the state requirements of the Colorado READ Act in identifying students performing significantly below grade-level and partnering with parents to create reading interventions (READ Plans). The table below represents the three assessments offered that your child will take based on grade level and their language of instruction.

- ISIP Early Reading (ER)                      Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade                      English
- ISIP Español                                      Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade                      Spanish
- ISIP Advanced Reading (AR)                4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade                                      English



### WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

The READ Act testing windows occur for six weeks in the fall and spring. Schools have the entire window to test the necessary students. **Your child will be administered one assessment in the fall and spring for 20-40 minutes based on their grade and reading level.** Kindergarten through third grade students who score below a minimum level will need one to two additional assessments, per state law, to verify reading status. Consult your child's school for his/her specific testing schedule.

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#### Key

Fall K-12

Fall Kindergarten extension

Spring K-12



## WHAT SCORE WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Istation assessments provide two notable scores: the ability index and percentile rank. The ability index generally provides the student's overall reading ability as a number that matches the student's performance within an instructional Tier level. The Tiers are described as follows:

- Tier 1: Students performing at grade level
- Tier 2: Students performing moderately below grade level and in need of intervention
- Tier 3: Students performing seriously below grade level and in need of intensive intervention

The range of these scores for Tier levels differ by the assessment the student is administered.

The percentile rank is a score provides the rank of a student compared to the students in our normative sample. If a student scores at the 75th percentile, it can be said that he or she has scored at least as well as, or better than, 75 percent of students his or her age from the normative sample of the test.



## HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

Istation assessments are one valuable data point teachers use to guide and modify instruction. ISIP scores can be used to identify the level at which your child is reading, set reading goals regarding student strengths and weaknesses, monitor reading progress, create targeted reading interventions, and decide if your child is in need of additional support in reading.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on assessments, please visit the Accountability, Research, and Evaluation website: <http://testing.dpsk12.org>

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home and availability of testing accommodations.

We also encourage you to go to <http://standards.dpsk12.org/standards-resources/> to find helpful information, including:

- A Parent's Guide to Technology
- Information for English Learners
- Colorado state resources

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.