



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENT'S SCORES ON THE IDAHO STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST IN SCIENCE

Your student's score report for the 2019 Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in Science provides your family with useful information, including:

- How your student scored on an end-of-year, statewide test in Science. These tests occur in Grade 5, Grade 7, and after taking Biology or Chemistry in high school
- Whether this score met Idaho's standards for achievement
- How your student's score compares with students in the same school, the same district, and across Idaho

This brochure provides you with guidance on understanding the score report, answers a few frequently asked questions about the assessment, and offers directions on where to go to find additional resources.

### SCORE REPORT GUIDANCE

#### ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

The "Test" heading tells you which subject and grade level the score report covers. The "Student Test Performance" section below it provides a brief score summary.

#### Individual Student Report

How did my student perform on the Science test?

Test: ISAT Science Grade 5

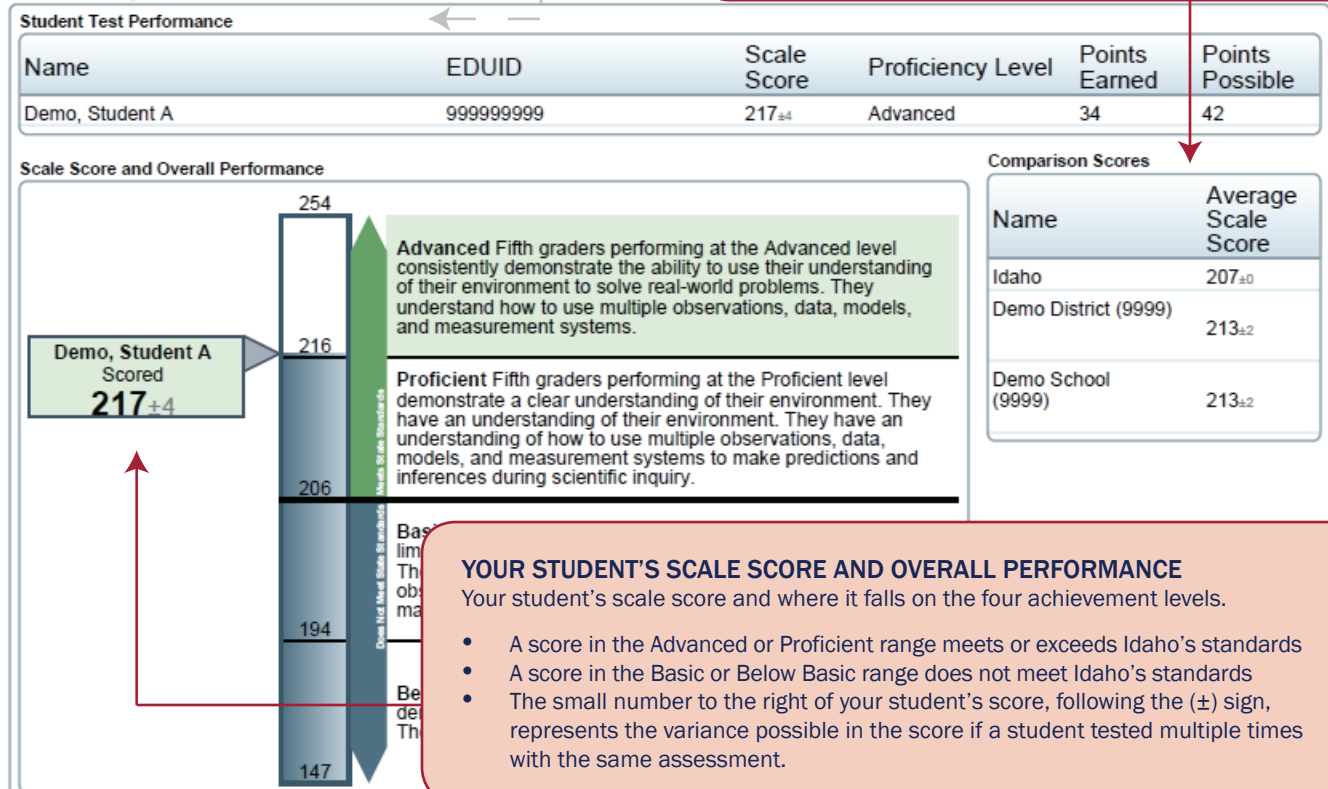
Year: 2018-2019

Name: Demo, Student A

### SAMPLE STUDENT REPORT

#### COMPARISON SCORES

Allows you to see how your student's scale score compares with their peers at the school, district, and state level.



#### YOUR STUDENT'S SCALE SCORE AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Your student's scale score and where it falls on the four achievement levels.

- A score in the Advanced or Proficient range meets or exceeds Idaho's standards
- A score in the Basic or Below Basic range does not meet Idaho's standards
- The small number to the right of your student's score, following the ( $\pm$ ) sign, represents the variance possible in the score if a student tested multiple times with the same assessment.

## SCORE REPORT GUIDANCE CONTINUED

## SAMPLE STUDENT REPORT

### Student Performance on Standards

Standard	Student Percent Correct	Total Number of Questions
Nature of Science	88	16
Physical Science	86	7
Biology	67	6
Earth and Science Systems	50	6
Personal and Social Perspectives; Technology	100	7

### PERFORMANCE ON STANDARDS

This section describes your student's performance on specific content standards. The five possible reporting categories are: Nature of Science; Physical Science; Biology; Earth and Space Systems; and Personal and Social Perspectives - Technology. Not all of these content standards appear in the end-of-course Biology and Chemistry reports and some may be combined. The table lists the total number of questions on the assessment that addressed the listed content standard(s) and the percentage of those questions your student answered correctly.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What does the score report tell me about my student's level of understanding?

This report shows how your student is performing overall on the Idaho Content Standards for Science and their performance in the categories that lead to these scores. The scores are only one aspect of a student's academic performance, but serve as an important measure of progress.

### How do these scores affect my student?

Your student's scores on the 2019 ISAT in Science do not affect his or her report card or ability to move on to the next grade level. We primarily use these scores to help families, schools, districts, and the state understand and improve student academic achievement in Idaho.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about the test, additional FAQs, and helpful educational resources, visit [sde.idaho.gov/assessment/science](http://sde.idaho.gov/assessment/science)