

Benton Community School District

"Quality Education For a Lifetime of Learning"

February 27, 2023



Benton Community 3rd-11th grade Parents,

The Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) will be taken by all 3rd-11th graders throughout Iowa. The ISASP assessments are aligned with the Iowa Core standards and are designed to provide a more clear and more accurate assessment of student learning outcomes. Student growth, proficiency, and readiness indicators will be reported. The ISASP assessments are required to be administered between March and May. Over 80% of students in the state of Iowa take the assessment online.

Below are a few important pieces to know about as we work to implement the ISASP at Benton:

1. Students in grades 3 through 11 will take the assessment online.
2. There are multiple tests in the ISASP: reading, language/writing, math, and science. Science is only taken by students in grades 5, 8, and 10.
3. There are recommended times for the assessment. If a student wishes to take more time on an assessment, they will be allowed to do so. There is no time limit.
4. Not all questions are multiple-choice. There will be questions that students have to match, sort, or write multiple sentences to answer.
5. Assessment results will be available to schools and families.
6. Practice assessments are available online. All students will take at least one practice assessment at school. This is also something that can be done at home by students or curious adults. Practice assessments can be found at <https://iowa.pearsonaccess.com/test-prep/> or on the Benton Community website at <https://www.benton.k12.ia.us/page/isasp-resources>.

More specific information will be sent home as the assessment window approaches. The specific testing start dates for Benton CSD buildings vary by the attendance center. Students in grades 3-6 will begin testing on March 28. Students in grades 7-12 will begin testing on April 3. Specific questions regarding the ISASP can be sent to Anna Selk at aselk@benton.k12.ia.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Selk". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Anna Selk

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