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## CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES CAN USE ISAT SCORES FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The 2024/25 academic year is starting and for the first time, the Idaho State Board of Education's Idaho Campus Choice program will incorporate Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) results as part of the methodology used to determine whether graduating high school seniors are eligible for guaranteed acceptance to four, six or all eight of Idaho's public higher education institutions.

Idaho Campus Choice, formerly known as Direct Admissions, guarantees acceptance to Idaho's public institutions based on grade point average (GPA) *or* 11<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts (ELA) and Math ISAT scores.

The policy changes means students who score either proficient or advanced (Level 3 or 4) on their 11<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and Math ISAT tests, *or* who earn a GPA of 3.0 or above, will soon receive a letter accepting them to all eight of Idaho's public institutions. Using ISAT scores gives another pathway for students to be included in the Idaho Campus Choice program.

Research shows that 12 percent of Level 3 ELA and Math ISAT students had GPAs lower than 3.0. It also shows that 65 percent of Level 3 ELA and Math ISAT

students went on to enroll in college immediately after high school and 76 percent returned to college within one year.

"Students who score Level 3 and 4 on the ISAT in ELA and Math are proficient, and we want to expand their opportunities for postsecondary success," State Board President Dr. Linda Clark said.

In late September, high school seniors will receive their Idaho Campus Choice letters informing them if they have been guaranteed acceptance to either to four, six, or all eight of Idaho's public higher education institutions. Their next step is to use Apply Idaho to select the institution(s) where they would like to enroll.

Visit the <u>Idaho Campus Choice</u> website for more information about the program.

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