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Istation Tips & Tricks

Below are some great ideas to save time in the classroom and help students achieve their potential!

Teacher Checklist:

- Track student growth and conduct student data talks. The <u>Skill Growth Report</u> tracks each student's scores, Tier, and percentile month over month. Select a student's name to view their growth on individual skills and areas in need of targeted instruction.
- Istation has over 3,000 resources to help you in the classroom! Check out our <u>Teacher Resources</u> page for research-based instructional materials like lessons, games, printable books, fluency passages, graphic organizers, and much more!

Manager Checklist:

- Be sure to check out your campus's <u>Assessment Completion Report</u> by the 10th day of the month to ensure all students have completed their assessment.
- Track grade-level growth by Tier through the <u>Skill Growth by Tier Report</u>. This can be run at the campus or district level. Click on the "All Months" tab to view the growth pattern for each tier within each classroom or campus at that grade level.
- The <u>ISIP Executive Summary Report</u> provides a brief overview of the current ISIP assessment. Conducting grade-level PLC meetings? Select a grade-level graph within the ISIP Executive Summary Report to view the target areas of need across the grade level.

2019-2020 Early Literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) Benchmark Windows

Districts must choose a two-week assessment window within the benchmark months to administer the benchmark assessment

- **BOY benchmark** Administer the beginning-of-year assessment to grades 1-3 within the first 30 days of the school year and to kindergarten within the first 60 days of the school year. (While choosing your two-week benchmark window, make sure that all students are tested in the same month.)
- MOY benchmark December
- EOY benchmark May

Kindergarten consideration: Through a provision in HB15-1323, you may choose to use up to 60 calendar days for initial benchmarking. However, we encourage districts to continue with best practices by benchmarking and providing support early in the year, specifically within the first 30 days. Completion of your BOY assessment (per the READ Act) within the 60 calendar days will inform the literacy component of your readiness assessment.

Helpful Hints from Support Services

How to change the domain on the login screen (all users):

- 1. Open the app.
- 2. In the username and password boxes, type the word *config* and hit **Enter**. This will take you to the domain configuration page.
- 3. Type the school domain using the following format: school name. the district. the state.

Password reset:

- 1. Go to the Forgotten Your Username or Password page
- 2. Input your district e-mail address. If you're in the system, you will receive an email with your username and a link to change your password.

This will work for those who have forgotten their password as well as those who are new to Istation and have not yet set up their account.

How to access the training videos:

- 1. Go to the <u>Help Center</u> and log in.
- 2. Click View Training Videos on the right side of the page.

How to access the Interactive User Guide (IUG):

- 1. Go to the <u>Help Center</u> and log in.
- 2. Click on the green box that says Go to FAQs.

How to check if a student is still logged in to the program:

- 1. Go to the student's profile on the Istation website by searching for their name or selecting their name from your Classroom page.
- 2. On the student's profile, locate **Last Program Login**, which displays a status indicating how long the student has been logged in during the current session.
 - If there is no status listed, they are not currently logged in to the program.
 - If there is a status listed and the student is not actively using the program, you will need to contact Support to perform a forced logout.

How to install the Istation app:

1. Go to the Istation Services and Support page.

2. Select an option based on your operating system.

Note: The Chrome download is ONLY for Chromebooks and not the Chrome browser.

Technical Support Services:

- Hours of support: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Central Time
- 1-866-883-7323, option 2
- <u>support@istation.com</u>
- Online help resources: <u>https://secure.istation.com/TrainingCenter/Index</u>

When contacting support, especially via e-mail, providing as much info as you can will help us resolve your issue faster. Include the affected student's or teacher's name, the school or district, the student's or teacher's ID, any additional relevant information (report name, section within the program, etc.), and a good call-back number.

Implementing a New Reading Program? Start With Small Wins.

"When you sit down and look at kindergarten data that's jumping... five points, and those teachers are excited about it, then you have other teachers start to lean in and want to replicate that." -Keith Cowan Superintendent, Bernalillo Public Schools



Other Istation News

News and Announcements

Intervention and Instruction for Powerful Growth

At Bernalillo Public Schools in New Mexico, teachers tracked data and targeted instruction based on adaptive Istation assessments. Teachers got immediate results they could trust, and students saw big gains in academic progress. <u>Learn how this diverse district saw rapid academic progress here</u>.

Exiting the ISIP[™] Assessment

<u>Click here to view easy steps</u> to ensure every student's data is properly recorded after taking the assessment.

Get started with ISIP[™] Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) today!

- Assess an entire class in minutes.
- Included as part of early reading subscription.
- Now accessible from the Istation app.

If you have ISIP Early Reading, then you already have access to this cutting-edge assessment that uses voice recognition technology to automatically measure oral reading fluency for elementary students (K-3). Developed through a partnership with Boulder Learning Inc., ISIP ORF leverages over three decades of educational research

and more than a decade of technical development to **save teachers time and provide consistent**, **actionable data**.



Look for this new button in the main menu that automatically launches ISIP ORF in your default browser.

To learn more, check out the ISIP ORF Fact Sheet

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