

CELEBRATING STUDENT LEARNING

A Celebration of Learning

The Pocatello/Chubbuck School District celebrated student learning successes with teachers as they returned from summer break in August. Student learning achievement and growth is measured against learning goals through various tests; the Idaho Reading Indicator or IRI, the Idaho Standards Achievement Test or ISAT and the SAT which is a standardized test for college admission.

A look at last year's test results revealed that students scored above the state benchmarks and averages on the IRI and ISAT; and that the tremendous growth on the ISAT from the previous year was maintained. Beyond that, our student's composite score on the SAT showed very strong growth with an 18 point increase ranking them 2nd in the State.

The IRI graph represents whether the District reached the State benchmark for each grade level, K-3, on the Idaho Reading Indicator. Our students made the State's benchmark for Kindergarten and 1st grade. In both 2nd and 3rd grade a greater percentage of students scored a 3, or at grade level, from 2016 to 2017.

The English Language Arts ISAT is given in grades 3 through 8 and 10. The ELA graph shows our students continue to outperform the state at every grade level by a significant margin. As a District, we dipped slightly in grades 4, 8 and 10 but results also show the same statewide.

The Math ISAT chart shows the District's students outscored the state average at every grade level. Overall scores increased at grades 6 through 8 and 10. Again small decreases in grades 3 and 5 were also seen statewide.

The SAT chart demonstrates performance by content area. The green bars represent the District verses statewide averages. Again, District students composite score increased 18 points from 2016 – 2017.

Our District implemented Visible Learning last year. It is based on 15 years of research about what influences achievement in school-aged students. This means an enhanced role for teachers as they evaluate their own teaching, see learning through the eyes of students and help them become responsible for their own learning.

We are very proud of our teachers and students and the progress they make each year. We are also proud to see our students successfully preparing for their futures. As we begin the new school year we are excited to welcome our students back and fulfill our goal to prepare them for college and careers.