

Hello DMPS Families,

Between April 4th and April 28th DMPS students will take the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in grades 3-11 and the Conditions for Learning Survey (CFL) for grades 3-12. The assessment and survey are required of all public schools in the state of Iowa to meet the requirements of the federally mandated Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). More information about your student's specific testing and survey schedule will come from their home school.

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress

The **ISASP** is the summative accountability assessment for all Iowa students that meets the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The assessments are aligned with the Iowa Core Standards and provide a clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes. Student growth, proficiency, and readiness indicators are reported in English/language arts, reading, math, and science. Science is only taken by students in grades 5, 8, and 10.

Throughout the year, students at DMPS engage in lessons that help them develop the skills, knowledge, and abilities outlined in the Iowa Core Standards. This work prepares them to take assessments such as the ISASP. Another way you can help your student prepare is by having them attempt practice problems provided by Pearson Access Next. Click the [Test Preparation](#) link to view the sample tests in each of the subject areas. These practice tests not only help with the content of the assessments, but also the operation of the online testing platform.

As mentioned above, more information about your student's testing and survey schedule will be provided by their home school. When results become available, your student's scores will be posted in Infinite Campus and can be viewed through your parent portal account. You will also be provided with an access code and a test results link to view more detailed information about your student's results from the ISASP.

To view more details about ISASP, please visit Pearson's [ISASP](#) website.

Conditions for Learning Survey

All Iowa public school districts use the Conditions for Learning Surveys (CFL) to improve safety, student engagement, and the overall learning environment so that all students have optimum conditions for learning. This survey will be administered during the ISASP testing window at your student's school. This survey is another component that meets the conditions of ESSA for all Iowa schools.

The CFL Surveys are (1) confidential, anonymous, and voluntary, (2) completed annually in the spring, and (3) focus on issues including student safety, positive student relationships, and school rules and how they are enforced. The information from the CFL Surveys does not provide student-level results [all data are anonymous and aggregated], but does provide aggregated information that may be used by a school building to identify the school's strengths and weaknesses and serves as a foundation on which to build an action plan for improving the learning environment for all students. The information also helps to determine the level of support needed by schools, and the resources they may need to provide an optimal learning environment for all learners. You can review the survey questions by clicking on the links below.

- [Grades 3-5 Survey](#) ([Grades 3-5 Survey-Spanish](#))

ISASP/CFL Parent Letter

- [Grades 6-12 Survey](#) ([Grades 6-12 Survey-Spanish](#))

If you do not want your student to participate in the survey, please complete [this form](#). The form closes for all schools at noon on March 31st. If you decide you do not want your student to participate in the survey after the form closes, you can opt your student out by contacting your school's main office.

From April 4th-28th, parents and families of students in preschool through grade 12 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Parent Conditions for Learning Survey. The Survey contains similar items to those on the Student Survey, focusing on student safety, positive adult and student relationships, and school rules and how they are enforced.

Responses to the Parent Survey are confidential and the results are completely anonymous. No names are recorded, and no identifying information is attached to specific responses. The results of the Survey will be provided back to the school to be used with the Student Survey results for identifying areas of strengths and areas for improvement.

The link for the Parent survey and directions on how to access it will be provided to parents through an Infinite Campus messenger email and through Snap! Connect. This message will be delivered at the start of our testing window on April 4th.

Please direct any questions about the ISASP or the CFL survey to your school's administration.

Thank You!