ISA 101 Webinar Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Do we need to do the SEB if we're only using Chromebooks for testing?
Yes

Can I test my local students over three days, then the students that have alternative placement come in and take all three sections in one day?
Yes

How do I print a list of my students?
See directions in Systems User Guide. There are various export functions you can use to print list in ISBE Management.

If you school is running a Hybrid schedule where some students physically come school on "A" days and other students physically come to school on "B" days, can you give the assessment on two different dates for the same class in the same week?
Yes

With the email to Org admins - if it goes to the superintendent can he forward it to the district assessment coordinator to set up accounts?
Yes

Is the presentation available for download?
Yes, https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISA-101.pdf

If a student is absent for a testing section, can they make up the testing session the next day and take the next test section within the same day?
Yes

We are going to have 5-6 room locations for the ISA. Do all rooms have to open their sections together or can one testing room start section 2 before the other rooms finish section 1?
If students are in separate testing locations (rooms) they can move to the next section when everyone in the room is finished with that section regardless of the progress of the exam in the other testing rooms.

The calculator function is available to all?
Yes, a calculator is built in to the ISBE Learn platform and students are allowed to use a hand-held calculator see regulations: https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/training-resources/MathematicsCalculatorPolicy.pdf

Will you post the presentation?
ISA webpage under Webinar dropdown menu
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1287728640741298433

If we are on a block schedule, can we test inside our science classrooms over three days? This meaning that some students might access the first section on Monday while the next class doesn't see it until Tuesday.
Yes

So there are three sections, but the questions are not organized by content, i.e. each section includes all three domains. Is that correct?
Yes, all 3 sections will have Life, Physical, and Earth Space Science clusters

Do home schools have to upload our out of district students
No, Home schools will register students by updating information in SIS. Serving school in SIS will receive student rostering.

What would you describe a remote test site to be? Can you provide some examples?
Possibly a local library where remote student tutoring might already be happening where a secure network could be setup by the district

I entered a test window into SIS for IAR only, does that test window apply to the ISA as well? Or do I enter a separate test window for ISA?
You will enter a separate window in the ISBE Teach system by selecting the Blue ISBE Management button and scrolling down to setting test window.

If a student is absent for section 1, can she start section 2 with peers and then go back and do section 1 in a makeup session?
Yes

Would an Absent code be used for Remote students?
Watch for ISBE announcements. This is not part of this webinar. If there was no other code that could be used, you would use code 10 Absent from Testing

Has teacher been given the ability to reset student log ins if they get kicked out?
No, only an org admin can reset a student login

I thought groups had the same access codes?
No, each student will have 3 individual test codes

Who should we email to request Braille versions?
Braille versions can be ordered by selecting the Help menu tab at the bottom left of the screen in ISBE Teach and following the instructions for Secure Materials.

Some districts are on a hybrid schedule where 1/2 of their students come one day and the other half the next day. This could mean for instance that 1/2 of the 5th grade students take unit 1 test on a Tuesday and the other 1/2 of 5th grade students on a Wednesday. Does this meet the "Smell Test"?
Yes

Where do you go to create a class?
Systems User Guide Page 26 **https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISA-Systems-User-Guide.pdf**

When can we expect to get pandemic guidance from ISBE?
ISBE Testing Guidance Document
https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Assessment-Guidance-2020-21.pdf