

LOUISIANA STATEWIDE NORM-REFERENCED TESTING PROGRAM: THE IOWA TESTS

What is the primary goal of the Louisiana Statewide Norm-Referenced Testing Program?

The SNRTP will provide parents, students, educators, and policymakers with comparative data to use for evaluating student, school, and district performance. Teachers and to enhance educational opportunities for all Louisiana students.

What are The Iowa Tests?

The Iowa Tests are norm-referenced achievement tests published by Riverside Publishing of Itasca, Illinois. They were standardized nationally, thus scores can be used to compare the performance of students tested locally with the performance of students tested in the national sample.

How can the test results be used?

Teachers, counselors, and administrators will use the results to monitor students' learning of many of the important skills taught in school. Scores cannot replace a teacher's observations and judgment, but they can provide useful supplementary information for the teacher, the parent, and the student.

ITBS IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

ITBS measures skills and standards important to growth across curriculum. To grow academically, students must not only acquire knowledge but must also be able to transfer their knowledge.

Students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 will take separate tests in the following areas:

- Reading - Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension
- Language - Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation, Usage and Expression
- Mathematics - Concepts, Estimation, Problem Solving, Data Interpretation, Computation (Grade 3 only)
- Social Studies
- Science
- Sources of Information - Maps and Diagrams, Reference Material

ITED Iowa Tests of Educational Development

ITED measures the long-term goals of secondary education—the skills that educated adults apply in their daily life. The tests are appropriate for all high school students, regardless of the particular courses they are taking or the curriculum they are following.

Students in grade 9 will take separate tests in the following areas:

- Vocabulary
- Ability to Interpret Literary Materials
- Correctness and Appropriateness of Expression
- Ability to Do Studies Materials
- Analysis of Social Studies Materials
- Analysis of Science Materials
- Use of Sources of Information