

FAQ WY-ALT IFT

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What is the Independent Field Test(IFT)?

Next year, Wyoming is moving to an online alternate assessment. The IFT is an opportunity for Test Administrators and students to experience the online test delivery system while also providing valuable data for future statistical use. This year, as it is a field test, students will not receive scores by participating. Next year, all students will take the online test as the operational field test (unless paper accommodations are requested). Students will receive scores after next year's standard setting. The IFT will be administered April 9-27, 2018.

Are all WY-ALT students required to take the IFT this year?

Yes. All students eligible for the WY-ALT must take the IFT.

If you have a student who moves from out-of-state into a school after the WY-ALT test window closes and therefore does not take the WY-ALT, are they required to take the IFT?

Yes. The student is still required to take the IFT.

Will Second Scores be need for the IFT?

No. Second Scorers will not be needed.

Will there be practice tests for the IFT?

No. There are no practice tests available for the IFT. Instead, a PowerPoint will be posted to the Wyoming Assessments Portal in mid-March to provide guidance for accessing and administering the IFT.

Will TAs administering the IFT be required to complete additional Test Administrator Certification, or will their WY-ALT trainings give them access to administer the IFT?

For this year's IFT, the WY-ALT trainings will provide access.

How will the IFT be administered to students who are not at the level to interact with technology?

TAs can assist their student in navigating the online student interface and enter answers. All students must participate in the spring 2018 IFT. However, beginning in 2019, students who are not able to interact with the technology can use paper accommodations.

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Will the IFT have switch and/or eye gaze capability?

The IFT will have switch capability. Ensure that Permissive Mode is turned on under accommodations. Other states have used technology to allow eye gaze for online assessments

How does a student who is blind access the IFT?

The IFT will read the test aloud to the student.

Will all content areas be administered in the IFT?

Yes. Students will be tested in the same content areas as they are for the WY-ALT. For example, a Grade 5 student will take the ELA and mathematics IFT, whereas a Grade 4 student will take the ELA, mathematics, and science IFT.

Does this have the same time restrictions as the WY-TOPP?

No. You can administer the IFT over multiple days and pause testing at any time, just like you can for the WY-ALT.

Will there be a reminder sent out about the IFT?

Yes. We will send out multiple email blasts reminding TAs about the IFT testing window.

Will the test move from paper to only online?

The paper test is moving to only online. Beginning in spring 2019, AIR will provide paper response options to those students who need paper accommodations.

What if our student does not use an iPad, but rather a tablet or Tobii for an eye gaze system?

Non-Apple products can be used for the IFT.