

MARCH 2017 - ISTATION NEWSLETTER FOR NEW MEXICO EDUCATORS

Welcome to a new month with Istation and Happy March! Spring is quickly upon us, and since spring is always a time of renewal, let's freshen up on some reminders, tips, and insights!

DID YOU KNOW?

Istation offers an online Help Center (secure.istation.com/TrainingCenter/Assets) and an internal User's Guide. Many of you have asked about beginning of year and end of year checklists, including some tips for summer. While not all of our checklists may meet the specific needs of your New Mexico implementation, these offer great insight into good tips. Check them out at: secure.istation.com/Account/LogOn. We are in the process of developing specific New Mexico webinars to help those of you providing summer school instruction. They should be available to you this spring. Stay tuned!

GREAT INSIGHT

Are you looking for the details of what score a student should have to be considered Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3, according to the Istation ISIP tiers? Look no further! If you have not visited the Istation Toolbox, you may be missing out on great information and insight into the Istation Instructional Tier Goals. Click here, and log into Istation to access this informative tool:

secure.istation.com/ReportToolbox/TierGoals. Once you are here, choose the product you wish to view, either ISIP Early Reading (English PreK-3), or ISIP Espanol Lectura Temprana (Spanish PreK-3). On this chart, each month's Istation goals are listed not only by the overall reading score, but also by individual subtest.

As you view the Instructional Tier Goals, you will notice that the expectation increases monthly for each tier, and not just for the overall score, but also for each individual subtest. Just as we look for student's knowledge to grow monthly in our classrooms, the expectations will increase for the ISIP Assessments, as well.

The New Mexico evaluation model will look to show ISIP growth for your evaluations, no matter the tier. If you are not familiar with the plan for your connection between Istation's ISIP scores, and your evaluation, click here to find the FAQ section on the New Mexico and Istation webpage, find the 5th bullet in this section to find these details: www.istation.com/NewMexico/FAQ.

IN THE KNOW

Do you have questions regarding the Grade Level Equivalency you see on some Istation reports? To help clarify what a GLE (Grade Level Equivalency) means within these reports, allow us to give a quick explanation. An Istation GLE is reflective of the ability the student demonstrated on their last ISIP Assessment. This means for that period of time they were taking ISIP, they demonstrated they could do the work equivalent to that GLE. It does not reflect what a student can do on a daily basis, since ISIP is only done monthly or during benchmark windows. If a student receives a 3.11 GLE, it does not mean they have reached the pinnacle of Istation. What it does mean is that they are doing the work during ISIP that equates to end of 3rd grade ability or beyond. The research for ISIP Early Reading was conducted with students up to 3rd grade, so the highest GLE Istation may list is 3.11. The rigor of ISIP will continue to increase for these students, and their overall score and percentile rank may also continue to grow.

