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GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM 25-05A

TO: All Local Education Agencies

FROM: Dr. Steve Canavero, Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction 

DATE: August 4, 2025

SUBJECT: State Board Approval of i-Ready as a Read by Grade Three Assessment

BACKGROUND

On July 17, 2025, the Nevada Department of Education (Department or NDE) issued [Guidance Memorandum 25-05, Updates Regarding Assessments for Read by Grade Three](#) (RBG3). This memo provided information regarding changes to the RBG3 assessment made during the 83rd Legislative Session (2025) and provided a timeline for review of the i-Ready assessment by the Nevada State Board of Education (State Board) in school year 2025-2026 (SY25-26). This memorandum, Guidance Memo 25-05A, is to provide additional updates following the July 30, 2025, meeting of the State Board.

USE OF THE I-READY ASSESSMENT IN SY25-26

At their July 30, 2025, meeting the State Board approved the i-Ready assessment as a valid, reliable, and standards-based RBG3 assessment for SY25-26, in addition to the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) growth assessment. The State Board selected the 40th percentile as the cut score for the i-Ready assessment; this is the equivalent score established by the State Board for the MAP growth assessment. Please note that any local education agency (LEA), whether a school district or the governing board of a charter school, electing to use i-Ready as their RBG3 assessment must administer this assessment uniformly across all schools and/or campuses; this further applies to all LEAs choosing to administer MAP as their RBG3 assessment.

REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE I-READY ASSESSMENT IN SY25-26

LEAs seeking to administer the i-Ready assessment in SY25-26 must submit a notification letter, on letterhead, addressed to the Interim Superintendent of Public Education, signed by the district and/or charter school leader, and dated no later than one week after the first day of school stating that:

- The LEA is electing to use the i-Ready assessment as their RBG3 assessment in SY25-26;
- The LEA acknowledges and accepts responsibility for all financial costs to administer the i-Ready assessment;
- The LEA is required to comply with Department data and reporting requirements;
- The LEA will administer only **one** RBG3 assessment to all students enrolled across all schools and/or campuses under the LEA; and
- The anticipated number of students that will be using the i-Ready assessment in K-3.

Please submit this letter through the [i-Ready Assessment form](#) no later than one week after the first day of instruction of SY25-26 for the LEA submitting this form.

CONCLUSION

In the fall, the Department will begin to develop the required regulations as outlined in Guidance Memo 25-05. If you have any questions regarding this guidance, please reach out to Mike Pacheco at mpacheco@doe.nv.gov.

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