

iMSSA FACT SHEET

The Interim Measures of Student Success and Achievement are state-supported interim assessments in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The iMSSA interim assessments are provided statewide by the PED at no additional cost to districts and charter schools. Districts and charter schools have the flexibility to use the iMSSA or another locally-procured assessment to meet the state's grades 3-8 interim assessment requirement.



Who takes the iMSSA?

All students not designated for alternate assessment in grades 3-8 are required to take part in an interim assessment administered at regular intervals throughout the school year. Districts and charter schools have the flexibility to use the iMSSA or another locally-procured assessment to meet this requirement. Those who select the iMSSA are required to administer it during the Beginning-of-Year, Middle-of-Year, and End-of-Year windows to all students in grades 3-8.

What does the test measure?

The iMSSA assessments target content standards for college and career readiness in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. They evaluate students' knowledge and skills relative to a specific set of academic goals in order to inform decisions at the classroom, school, and district levels. They are designed to measure progress toward grade-level proficiency.

When is the test given?

See administration dates under Beginning-, Middle-, and End-of-Year on the PED's [2026-27 Assessment Schedule](#).

How is the test administered?

The iMSSA is a short, computer-based, fixed-form assessment. The assessment is made up of two untimed sessions that can be completed in approximately 50 minutes.

What are the performance levels?

Needs Support	Near Target	On Target
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iMSSA scale score ranges vary by subtest and grade. Please see [Cognia Scale Scores](#) to see the scale score matrix.

When can I access reports or teacher training?

Scores will be available to district and school administrators and teachers in the [NMPED Assessments Portal](#) as soon as a student completes the assessment. Results will be made available in the [Family Portal](#) approximately one week after a testing window closes.

Educators seeking support and training on administering the iMSSA should visit the [iMSSA](#) page on the Cognia Help & Support site.