
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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Statewide Student Assessment

Purpose and History

The Statewide Student Assessment is used to assess students in grades three through eight and once in high school using an assessment that aligns to a state's math, reading, and science standards (in Iowa, the Iowa Core). The official assessment for the State of Iowa is the University of Iowa's [Iowa Testing Programs](#) (ITP). These assessments fulfill the requirements of the federal [Every Student Succeeds Act](#).

Funding

Previously, the cost of the statewide assessment was paid by school districts out of the districts' general funds. The General Assembly currently appropriates \$3.0 million annually to be distributed by the Department of Education to ITP on behalf of school districts to offset the cost of the Statewide Student Assessment. This appropriation includes an allocation of up to \$300,000 to ITP to offset the costs of administering the Statewide Student Assessment at accredited nonpublic schools.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Administrative Code [281—12](#)

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More Information

Every Student Succeeds Act: www.ed.gov/ESSA

Iowa Testing Programs: itp.education.uiowa.edu

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