Istation Insider

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Implementation Tips & Tricks

Below, please find tips and ideas that can help you use Istation to its greatest potential!

Beginning of the Year Assessment (BOY) Next Steps

- Review the ISIP Summary and look for areas of strengths and weaknesses in your classroom.
- Run the Priority Report to get suggestions for small-group instruction and resources.
- Remember, to use the lowest level of literacy for areas needing additional instruction support.

Tips and Tricks
- Many Teacher Resources have Lexile□ measures, so viewing the Lexile numbers on the Classroom Summary page is a great way to make sure a lesson is at an appropriate level.
- By pressing the **Alt** and **Enter** keys on PCs or the **Command** and **Tab** keys on Macs, you can adjust the volume on the computer without having to exit the program.

Teacher Resource Highlight
- As the month of October approaches, you might try using some of our books for thematic instruction! Search our resources for the books *Spiders* (540L) and *The Bats of Austin* (730L).

Progress Monitoring Reminder
- Students identified by district standards as needing Tier 2 instructional support should be progress monitored every 10-12 days.
- Student identified by district standards as needing Tier 3 instructional support should be progress monitored every 7-10 days.

2019-2020 ELAT Benchmark Windows

Districts must choose a two-week assessment window within the benchmark months to administer the benchmark assessment.

- BOY benchmark – Administer the beginning-of-the-year assessment within the first 30 calendar days of the school year for grades 1-3 and within the first 60 days for kindergarten. *(While choosing your two-week benchmark window, make sure that all students are tested in the same month.)*
- MOY benchmark – January

- EOY benchmark – May

Kindergarten consideration: Through a provision in HB15-1323, you may choose to use up to 60 calendar days for initial benchmarking. However, we encourage districts to continue with best practices by benchmarking and providing support early in the year, within the first 30 days. Completion of your READ BOY assessment within the first 60 calendar days will inform the literacy component of your readiness assessment.

Watch Recorded Webinars

101: Welcome to our Istation 101 course regarding Colorado and Istation's Assessments, known as ISIP. ISIP stands for Istation's Indicators of Progress, and is a monthly screening and progress monitoring tool, designed to take minimal time away from both the student and the educator. ISIP's real-time, instantaneous reports, immediately inform educators of student's individual abilities. We will take the time to introduce Istation's screening assessment, as well as go through everything you'll need for getting started.

[Watch the webinar here!](#)

Refresher: Let's talk about best practices for taking the ISIP, look at basic reports, and teacher resources needed as you start another year with Istation.

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Other Istation News

News and Announcements

Share Your Red Cape Moments with Us!
Don't miss out on your chance to win a class set of red capes by participating in our fall contest! Share photos or videos of your students Istationing in your classrooms during September, October, and November. Winners are chosen at the end of each month! [Read more about how to enter the contest here](#)

Powerful Feedback for Teachers
Catch [an Istation EdTech podcast](#) on how data from formative assessments supports progress monitoring and offers insights on how to differentiate instruction.

Exiting the ISIP assessment
[Click here to view easy steps](#) to ensure every student's data is properly recorded after taking the assessment.
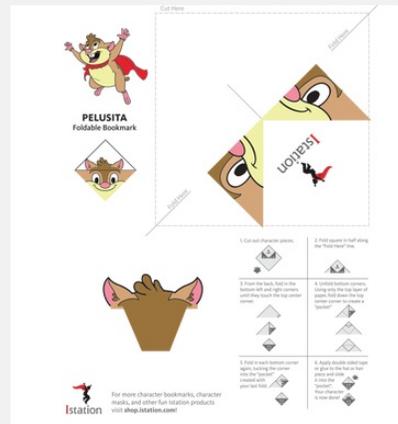
Shop Products with Purpose

Visit [shop.Istation.com](#) to get your Istation superhero capes, classroom incentives, and other teacher specialty items!

Ordering questions? Contact Rita Blanco at [rblanco@istation.com](#).

[NEW hashtag T-shirts](#) are available in the Istation store for $8.99 each!

Print [foldable bookmarks](#), masks, coloring books, and more for your students from our store for FREE!

What Does the Research Say?

Istation's Research-Backed Approach

Istation's instruction focuses on the five key areas that build successful readers. Watch this short video to learn more!

Helpful Hints from Support Services

How to change the domain on the login screen (all users):

1. Open the app.
2. In the username and password boxes, type the word *config* and hit **Enter**. This will take you to the domain configuration page.
3. Type the school domain using the following format: school name. the district. the state.

Password reset:
1. Go to the [Forgotten Your Username or Password](#) page
2. Input your district e-mail address. If you're in the system, you will receive an e-mail with your username and a link to change your password.

This will work for those who have forgotten their password as well as those who are new to Istation and have not yet set up their account.

How to access the training videos:
1. Go to the [Help Center](#) and log in.
2. Click **View Training Videos** on the right side of the page.

How to access the Interactive User Guide (IUG):
1. Go to the [Help Center](#) and log in.
2. Click on the green box that says **Go to FAQs**.

How to check if a student is still logged in to the program:
1. Go to the student's profile on the Istation website by searching for their name or selecting their name from your Classroom page.
2. On the student's profile, locate **Last Program Login**, which displays a status indicating how long the student has been logged in during the current session.
   - If there is no status listed, they are not currently logged in to the program.
   - If there is a status listed and the student is not actively using the program, you will need to contact Support to perform a forced logout.

How to install the Istation app:
1. Go to the [Istation Services and Support](#) page.
2. Select an option based on your operating system.

Note: The Chrome download is ONLY for Chromebooks and not the Chrome browser.

Technical Support Services:
- Hours of support: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Central Time
- 1-866-883-7323, option 2
- support@istation.com
- Online help resources: https://secure.istation.com/TrainingCenter/Index

When contacting support, especially via e-mail, providing as much info as you can will help us resolve your issue faster. Include the affected student's or teacher's name, the school or district, the student's or teacher's ID, any additional relevant information (report name, section within the program, etc.), and a good call-back number.

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