OVERVIEW OF THE ASSESSMENT

◎ Iowa LEAD (Learning Expectations and Academic Development) is aligned with the rigorous Iowa Academic Standards, providing clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes.

- The assessments are developed for the state of Iowa and align with the grade-specific Iowa Academic Standards.
- The assessments are developed in collaboration with Iowa educators.
- The assessments are available in online, paper-and-pencil, and remote formats.

▣ Iowa LEAD is administered each spring in the following subjects and grade levels:

English Language Arts (including Reading and Language/Writing)	Mathematics*	Science*
Grades 3–11	Grades 3–11	Grades 5, 8, and 11

**Mathematics and Science tests are also available in Spanish.*

✓ Iowa LEAD is supported by responsive assessment specialists and providers.

- The assessments are developed and supported by Iowa Testing Programs and delivered by Iowa-based Pearson, ensuring local support in their implementation and rapid response to educator and administrator needs.
- Pearson will provide materials and support to district and school officials and conduct training programs for test coordinators and proctors to manage the online testing experience.

↗ Online and remote delivery offers innovative technology enhancements and efficient, accurate assessment of important learning outcomes.

- The English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science tests evaluate students' skills using a mix of item types including technology-enhanced questions and open-ended essay questions.
- By allowing students to manipulate materials on the screen, technology-enhanced questions provide greater insight into learning than multiple-choice questions alone.
- Online and remote delivery broadens accessibility to students with a wide array of learning needs.
- Efficient scoring of open-ended questions, validated by quality control processes, speeds up the delivery of results.

★ The assessments will provide families with actionable information about their students' learning.	❖ The results will provide a detailed analysis of how students performed relevant to the learning expectations defined by the Iowa Academic Standards. ❖ Over time, families will be able to access year-over-year analysis of how their students grow and develop from one year to the next.