



Public Schools of North Carolina
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Educators –

We will be launching a new reading diagnostic tool, Istation, over the summer.

Istation is a tool designed by teachers for teachers and has proven results of helping students grow. State law requires North Carolina to have one reading diagnostic tool for every K-3 class. Recently, a new state law required the Department of Public Instruction to evaluate diagnostics and select one to be implemented next school year.

We will be working with local leaders to provide live webinars, in-person trainings, and ongoing support over the summer and throughout the year so that you will be comfortable with the new learning platform.

Here are some exciting aspects of Istation for K-3 teachers and students:

- Istation's goal is to provide teachers a quick and easy-to-use tool to allow more time for teachers to teach with personalized instruction, 1-on-1 supports, and small group learning environments.
- Istation is intuitive, its assessments are formative, and its content adapts to the individual needs of students.
- Students receive personalized data profiles and because the formative assessment is quick and easy to take, students are able to spend more time with their teachers than they do on devices.
- An entire class can be assessed in approximately 30 minutes, and data is available to the teacher immediately, allowing him or her to immediately begin personalizing instruction.
- Teachers will be able to select from 3000 teacher-led lessons and lesson plans to help assist in this personalization. These lessons are recommended to the teacher based on a student's individual needs.

You can learn more about Istation [here](#). On this landing page, you will find answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). We will continue to update this website with more information, such as details on enrollment and professional development, over the coming days and weeks.

We are excited by the journey ahead, and we are committed to supporting you and your teams as we embark on this new initiative together.

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