



Public Schools of North Carolina
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Good Evening District RtA Contacts,

As you prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, the following information is being shared to assist districts with the statewide implementation of Istation, including technical set-up. We are diligently working to provide answers to all of your questions by updating the FAQ on the landing page ([NC Istation Website](#)). Thank you for your patience and support. We are committed to working with you in this transition and ensuring that you have the supports you need for a successful implementation.

Implementation of Istation:

The K-3 Literacy team and Istation are working to secure locations across the state to provide flexible regional options for training. Each district's RtA Contact person and (1) campus leader from every school will attend the regional face to face training. The campus leader will be paid a stipend for attending the training. During this 3-4 hour session, participants will gain the knowledge and resources needed for training at the campus level.

As your district's RtA contact, you are being asked to sign up and complete a quick getting started survey, via the NC Istation website. District's RtA contacts will be the Istation implementation contact for your district. As you complete the survey you will be asked to identify your district's technology coordinator, data coordinator, and (1) campus leader for each school in your district.

Sign up will be available soon on the [NC Istation Website](#). Districts will also have opportunities to participate in live webinars and self-guided virtual modules. Webinars are now available for sign-up for both technical contacts and educators. Please see attached information for training dates and information. Technical set-up:

- Istation will be integrated with PowerSchool
- NCDPI will utilize the current PowerSchool roles for Istation
- All students and staff will authenticate to Istation via the NCEDCloud IAM Service.
- Districts will have the following options for Rostering:
 1. Use state provided rostering option (NCDPI will send nightly files with student rosters and staff role information directly from PowerSchool to Istation)
 2. Opt out of state provided rostering option and roster directly to Istation or use any Istation approved third party rostering tool. NOTE: Those districts choosing the option to roster themselves will need to contact the Istation Support Team via email at support@Istation.com or 1-866-883-READ if they need help.
- Istation will need to be installed on every computer on which students will be using Istation.
- Istation has an MSI that can help install Istation quickly on computers in your district.



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- For technical assistance, quick tips, and more support, visit www.istation.com/Support or call 1-866-883-7323 and select option 2.
- Technical specifications include Android, iPad, Chrome, Windows, and Mac for computers that will use Istation.
- The ISIP™ (Istation's Indicators of Progress) assessment for Early Reading is also supported on most modern web browsers including those on iPads and Chromebooks.
- For more technical information go to <https://www.istation.com/Support#technical>

There are 3 levels of access with Istation

- District Manager: Highest Level of Access and can assigned Campus Managers and Teachers
- Campus Manager: High Level of Access at campus; can assign Teachers
- Teacher: Classroom access; co-teaching classes can be assigned for students that receive pull out services with the school

*Please note message sent today from Superintendent Johnson (copied below)

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“Be a light not a judge. Be a model not a choice. Be part of the solution not part of the problem.” Stephen Covey



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Educators:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Istation are working to support the successful implementation of the Read to Achieve diagnostic tool. The attached information will provide districts the knowledge needed to effectively implement Istation. Continual support and training will be available 24/7 through the online Help Center, including videos, step-by-step guides, pre-recorded webinars, live webinars, tips and tricks, short tutorials, and checklists.

Attached are some important materials regarding the statewide implementation plan:

- Statewide NCDPI - RtA Istation implementation chart and timeline
- Information about training opportunities
- Schedule of webinars and regional face to face workshops

More information about Istation can be found on the North Carolina landing page, www.istation.com/northcarolina, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), continued updates, and details on enrollment in training. Webinars are now available for sign-up for both technical contacts and educators.

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson

State Superintendent