To: Superintendents, Test Coordinators, Principals, Special Education Directors, and Title III/ELL Directors

From: Office of the State Board of Education

Memo: **ISAT Audio Accommodation Clarification**

Date: April 9, 2008

The standard accommodation for students whose IEPs and ELPs required read aloud of test items is the computer-based audio.

- 2008 Spring ISAT audio provides on the computer-based tests for math and science
- Spring 2009 Spring ISAT audio will be available on the computer-based tests for math, science, and language usage.

Who is eligible for audio on the ISAT?

Only those students whose IEPs or ELPs require read-aloud. These students must be coded in the student editor before test tickets are issued. The test session ticket will allow the software to present audio for these students.

- Technology coordinators will download the audio feature to a few computers in each school to provide audio. The audio feature will only be presented to students who have been coded for audio in the student editor. Other students can use the computer for testing and will not see the audio option.
- Exception: Students taking the Braille, large print, or paper/pencil accommodated versions will require a human reader for math, science and language usage.

Is the computer-based audio accommodation an option or is it required?

- **For math and science, computer- based audio is required.**
- Using a human reader for math and science constitutes an **adaptation** and the test must be invalidated.
- Schools will provide human readers for the language usage test for spring and fall 2008. Audio will be available for language usage for Spring 09.

How can I prepare my students for the computer voice when they are used to a friendly teacher voice?

- The practice test will present audio if the computer has been prepared by the technology coordinator.
- Students will have the ability to *stop, start, set the pace* and *repeat* items.
- Give them an opportunity to practice!

And…

- Students coded for audio will receive only one ticket for math and science.
- Students coded for audio will take only the Core NCLB ISAT for math and science.
- Students coded for audio will not take the Extender (part 2) of math and science.

The reading test cannot be read to students.

- For the reading test, please note that **test directions** may be read to students, however **item directions** may not!

For complete accommodations information please refer to the Test Coordinators' Guide at http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/documents/TestCoordGuide_11-07.pdf .

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