**Talking Points Guide**

Differentiating Messages by Grade

* 8th grade is about encouraging your students to do their best, helping them understand what direct admissions are, and guiding them to stay on track.
* 11th is about encouraging students to do their best and understand how their current scores can be used for direct admissions. Additionally, how their scores may impact post-secondary course placement.

Changes to Idaho Campus Choice

* Idaho Campus Choice standards have been updated beginning with the graduating class of 2025
* Students can qualify for pre-admission to all eight public institutions based on:
  + 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
  + Score a Level 3 (Proficient) or higher on both the 11th Grade English and Math ISAT exams
* After students learn of their Idaho Campus Choice status, they will need to apply using the Apply Idaho application
* IMPORTANT NOTE: While students who do well on the test will be given opportunities for the future, those who do not score high can still apply to any Idaho college.

Proposed Introduction of a Post-Secondary Placement

* The placement policy will set common course placement expectations across all Idaho public institutions for entry-level courses in English and Math
* The proposed introduction of an Idaho’s placement policy would apply to students enrolling in Fall 2026.
* The Board will make their final decision about the proposed placement policy at their April 2025 meeting

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| Statewide GEM Writing Course Placement | | |
|  | English x101 with Corequisite Instruction | English x101 |
| ISAT English Language Arts Score | 1, 2 | 3, 4 |
| SAT English Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score | 509 and below | 510 and above |
| ACT English + Reading Score | 37 and below | 38 and above |

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| GEM Mathematics Course Placement | | | |
|  | Math x123 with Corequisite Instruction  or  Math x153 Statistical Reasoning with Corequisite Instruction | Math x123  or  Math x143 College Algebra with Corequisite Instruction  or  Math 153 Statistical Reasoning | Math x143 Precalculus I: Algebra |
| ISAT Math Score | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| SAT Math Score | 430-519 | 520-559 | 560 and above |
| ACT Mathematics Score | 15-19 | 20-22 | 23 and above |