

The month of May has been a hectic month for both district-wide testing and the Special Education Department.

The Special Education department has been working closely with the State's Department of Education to ensure that the district meets all end-of-the-year state requirements. Student evaluations and parent meetings are being wrapped up and finalized for the year. SISD has also been looking forward to next year by collecting quotes from companies that support our students. So far, the district has been in contact with Presence Learning and SERRC, which the district is currently using, and a few independent contractors. SISD is constantly looking for the best service provider to work with our students.

Statewide Assessments

All students in grades 3-10 were required to complete the state's online assessment, Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS). Students could complete all sections of the ELA, Math, and Science assessments with minimal to no glitches. We look forward to receiving the PEAKS results at the beginning of next year.

The district also completed the Measure of Academic Progress (MAPs) assessment. MAP's is a computerized adaptive test that helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. This assessment was made available for all students, grades Kindergarten to 12th grade.

Finally, grades Kindergarten – eighth grade participated in the iReady assessment. iReady is a comprehensive assessment and instruction program that empowers educators with the resources they need to help all students succeed. This program connects diagnostic data and personalizes instruction geared towards each student.