

Table 1.

**COMPARISON OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' RESULTS ON IDAHO STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) 2005 AND 2006**

Percentage of students who scored "proficient" or higher in grades 3 through 8 and 10 (combining Reading, Language and Mathematics scores):

<b>In All Idaho Public Schools</b>		<b>In All Idaho Virtual Public Schools</b>	
<b>2005:</b>	<b>79.4%</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	
<b>2006:</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	

**Conclusion:** More students in brick-and-mortar public schools scored "proficient" or higher than students in virtual public schools in both 2005 and 2006.

The Idaho Virtual Public Schools are: Idaho Distance Education Academy (grades 3-8 and 10), Idaho Virtual Academy (grades 3-8), Idaho Leadership Academy (grade 10), and Richard McKenna Charter High School (grade 10).

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b. 2006: <http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/isat/ISAT-SP06/State%20Proficiency%20-%20R-L-M.pdf>

2. Data for Idaho Virtual Charter Schools:

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Table 2.

**2005 COMPARISON OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' AND VIRTUAL  
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' RESULTS ON IDAHO STANDARDS  
ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) BY GRADE LEVEL**

Percentage of students who scored “proficient” or higher in grades 3 through 8 and 10  
(combining Reading, Language and Mathematics scores):

	<b>All Idaho Public Schools</b>	<b>All Idaho Virtual Public Schools</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>73.1</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>76.7</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>75.7</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>66.3</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>73.0</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>66.2</b>
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>

**Conclusion:** More students in brick-and-mortar public schools scored “proficient” or higher than students in virtual public schools in every grade level tested in 2005

The Idaho Virtual Public Schools are: Idaho Distance Education Academy (grades 3-8 and 10), Idaho Virtual Academy (grades 3-8), Idaho Leadership Academy (grade 10), and Richard McKenna Charter High School (grade 10). Averages are weighted to reflect number of virtual students rather than number of virtual schools.

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Table 3.

**2006 COMPARISON OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' AND VIRTUAL  
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ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT) BY GRADE LEVEL**

Percentage of students who scored “proficient” or higher in grades 3 through 8 and 10  
(combining Reading, Language and Mathematics scores):

	<b>All Idaho Public Schools</b>	<b>All Idaho Virtual Public Schools</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>68.7</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>77.9</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>69.9</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>76.2</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>72.6</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>65.0</b>
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>74.1</b>

**Conclusion:** More students in brick-and-mortar public schools scored “proficient” or higher than students in virtual public schools in every grade level tested in 2006.

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