

IIRC Mind–Stretchers Part I

Here are some exercises to help you become comfortable navigating around the IIRC web site (<http://iirc.niu.edu>)

1. From the IIRC homepage, what are the three steps to your school's information page? Your district's page?
2. Where in IIRC can I find general information on the IMAGE assessment? On PSAE?
3. Where do I find information on the cut scores on ISAT? For that matter, what are the cut scores and how are they used?
4. Where will I find practice tests for ISAT Grade 5 mathematics?
5. What are the tools I will find in "In the Classroom"?
6. Briefly describe what are the Illinois Learning Standards, Performance Descriptors, and Assessment Frameworks. Where are the assessment frameworks content tables to be found?

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1. Where will I find the specific information about overall student performance over time on ISAT by grade and subject for my school? My district?
2. Where will I find specific information about student subgroup performance on ISAT for my school?
3. I want to compare test performance on several schools within the district-how do I do this?
4. How do I assess student group performance in my school on comprehension of literary works? How can I best compare results on CLW with those on application of strategies: explicit ideas?
5. How can I access a quick visual representation comparing how my school is performing against all other schools in the state based on similar student characteristics?
6. Where will I find the link to the Just For the Kids web site?

IIRC Mind–Stretchers Part III

1. How do I log into the student assessment data archive on IIRC? For the “Sample School” demo? For an actual school or district?
2. Is there a particular difference in using the school versus district level passwords? What is that difference?
3. What is one constant issue to be particularly aware of when using the student data? (Hint why wouldn't it be a good idea to have a workshop for teachers on student data in the school library during class time?)
4. How do I get to the student data screen where I can sort and flag groups of students to analyze their performance?
5. What does the disaggregation tool allow you to do in the student data archive?
6. How can I pull up individual student records from the disaggregation screen in the student data archive? Why would I want to do this?
7. How can I compare individual students in Grade 3 Reading on their ISAT performance level and their scores on extended response items?
8. How can I compare average ISAT scores by low income? How can I compare % M+E by race/ethnicity?
9. Where are the individual student reports and performance graphs on IIRC?
10. How do you logout when finishing a session in the student data archive?