

Greetings,

Based on the inquiries we have been receiving, we decided to provide a listing of current users of the ISAT Student Data Wizard (ISDW) so that you can contact them to find out their opinions:

Pontiac-Wm. Holliday 105	Fairview Heights	618-233-0227
Belle Valley School District 119	Belleville	618-234-3445
Effingham Unit 40 School District	Effingham	217-540-1528
Mulberry Grove Community Unit #1	Mulberry Grove	618-326-8221
Teutopolis CUSD 50	Teutopolis	217-857-3535
Millstadt Consolidated School	Millstadt	618-476-1803
Dupo District #196	Dupo	618-286-3214
Cahokia High School	Cahokia	618-332-3700
Altamont Community Unit #10	Altamont	618-483-6193
Crete-Monee School District 201-U	Crete	708-367-8326
Taylorville School District	Taylorville	217-824-3315
Greenville Jr. High School	Greenville	618-664-1226
O'Fallon Central 104	O'Fallon	618-632-6336

Naturally, we are biased in our assessment, but here are what we believe to be the advantages that ISDW holds over IIRC:

- The ease with which individual student data can be displayed
- Extensive use of simple color codes to help the viewer understand the distributions
- Built-in database queries that require only a single click to run (no knowledge of query structure required)
- A superb demographics filtering panel
- The ability to create unlimited groupings of students for comparison purposes
- A very user friendly environment that can be used by professional staff with little training
- Your student scores are stored locally and access can be restricted to the LAN/WAN if needed
- Security (username/password access) is managed locally

Our philosophy in creating ISDW was to make ISAT scores available to each education professional in a manner that would: (1) not require intensive training, (2) make the data available to each professional whenever and wherever they needed it, and (3) eliminate the need to learn how to query a database by providing the most essential representations of score distributions. We found it most distressing that ISBE provided ISAT scores in such a useless format, so we saw it as our mission to make the data comprehensible and useful.

We had watched principals suffer through workshops that were designed to train them to create pivot tables in Excel and realized that educators have more important work to do than to learn the mechanics of data representation. We also knew that the most effective

way to present data differences and similarities to people is through the use of color. We believe that the ISDW can help each educator utilize ISAT test data to guide their decision-making in structuring curriculum and implementing effective instructional methods.

With the current national and state focus on RtI planning and implementation, schools will be using data to a greater degree in deciding what to teach, how to teach, how to measure what is being learned, how to identify pupils who need additional help, etc. The ISDW, because of its simplicity, makes it easier for the average classroom teacher (aka non-statistician) to engage in those important discussions and, more importantly, make informed decisions.

We hope this covers some of the questions you may have. Thanks for your interest.

Best regards,  
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