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During the MISIC meeting there were a couple of questions that Catherine and Stephen said they would get back to us with answers. Please see their responses below. They are continuing to work on the remote testing guidelines and policy implications and will follow up with us as soon as that information is finalized.

What type of writing is assessed on the ISASP?

The ISASP test specifications allow for any of the three writing modes to be tested operationally each year. Give the limitations of time and resources, only one type of writing is scored operationally each year and students should be prepared to encounter any of the three modes. The ISASP ELA Test Specifications document may be helpful. Table 7 is copied below. [Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress \(ISASP\) \(pearsonaccess.com\)](http://www.pearsonaccess.com)

Table 7. ISASP Writing Test—Number and Types of Items

Grade	Extended Constructed-Response Items	Types of Writing
3	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
4	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
5	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
6	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
7	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
8	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
9	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
10	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative
11	1	Explanatory, Persuasive, Narrative

Can paraeducators proctor the ISASP?

According to the State, paraeducators can assist the proctor during testing, but cannot administer tests on their own. The [State of Iowa Test Security Manual](#) has this statement on page 6:

Test Administrators/proctors **must be certified teachers/educators** to administer federally mandated tests. Paraeducators and other support staff **may not** administer federally mandated assessments (ISASP, ELPA21, DLM, and NAEP).

There is a Test Security/ Confidentiality Agreement paraeducators must review and sign if they assist the proctor. This agreement is on page 19 of the [State of Iowa Test Security Manual](#) and page 19 again in the [ISASP Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#).