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2023 State Assessment Conference

3B. Lessons Learned about the Implementation of IADA

September 26, 2023 from 1:30-2:45pm



## FOCUS AREA: 3

### 3B. Lessons Learned about Implementation of IADA

*This session will provide participants with a brief overview of the recent IES evaluation report of the first four states granted Demonstration Authority. Most of the time will be spent hearing from SEAs granted Demonstration Authority so they can share lessons learned and next steps.*

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## A NOTE ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE/SESSION

- The purpose of this conference/session is to provide an opportunity for State education agency (SEA) staff to interact and engage with relevant experts and other SEA staff about the Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA).
- The observations and opinions of the session presenters are their own.



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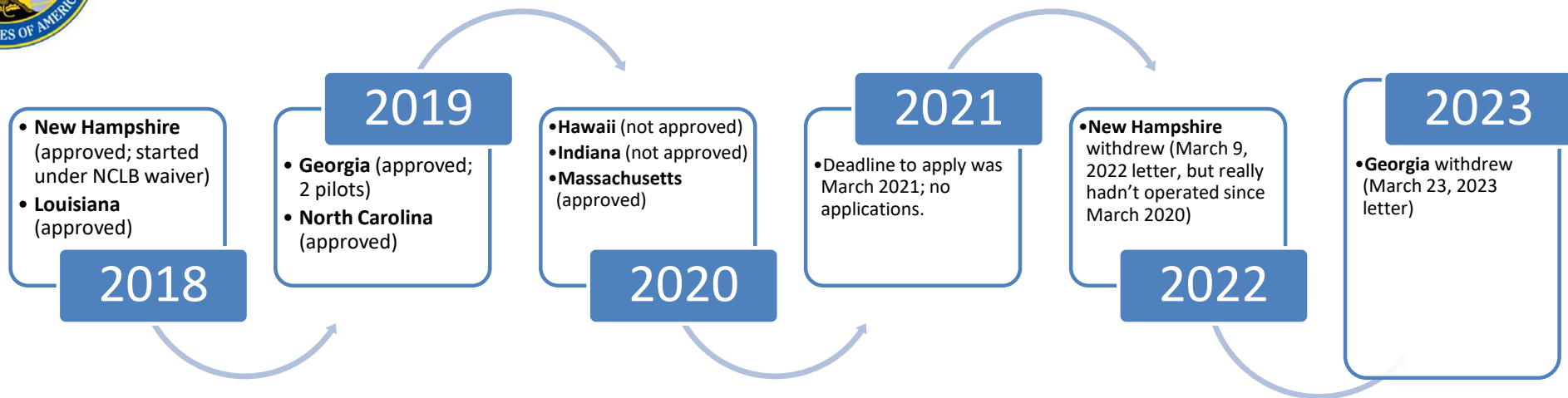


# OVERVIEW

Time	Topic
1:30-1:35	Welcome, Introductions, & Overview
1:35-1:45	Overview of IES Report Findings
1:45-1:50	Panel Introductions & Overview of Panel Questions
1:50-2:30	State Presentations (10 minutes each)
2:30-2:45	Audience Q & A



# IADA STATE APPROVAL & WITHDRAWAL TIMELINE



<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/iada/>



**Come to the general session later today to hear more about the evaluation in the Future of IADA session!**

## IES REPORT

### Institute of Education Sciences Evaluation Reports of the IADA

- Evaluating the Federal Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority: Early Implementation and Progress of State Efforts to Develop New Statewide Academic Assessments (April 27,2023): [https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/pubs/2023004/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsflash](https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/pubs/2023004/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsflash)



Evaluation Report

**Evaluating the Federal Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority: Early Implementation and Progress of State Efforts to Develop New Statewide Academic Assessments**

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## IES REPORT KEY FINDINGS

- All five IADA systems (representing 4 states) sought to increase the usefulness of assessment data for classroom teaching, but few were ready to try out their assessments within a year of starting IADA.
- After 2 or 3 years of participation, the IADA systems had made limited progress and may not be on track to meet the program’s 5-year statewide scale-up goal.
- States reported challenges hampering assessment development and implementation activities, with the COVID-19 pandemic causing major disruptions.

Activity	IADA system status at end of 2020-21				
	NH PACE	LEAP 2025 Humanities	NC PAT	GMAP Through-Year Assessment	Navy
Initial planning	●	●	⊗	⊗	⊗
Prepare for operational assessment	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Administer operational assessment	●	○	○	○	○
Post-administration activities	○	○	○	○	○
Continuous improvement activities	●	○	○	○	○
Scaling up system	○	○	○	○	○

● = completed all sub-activities; ⊗ = completed at least one sub-activity; ○ = no sub-activities completed. Each activity includes one or more sub-activities (see Exhibit 3 in the report for details).  
 NH PACE = New Hampshire; LEAP = Louisiana; NC PAT = North Carolina; GMAP = Georgia; Navy = Georgia (Georgia was approved for two IADA systems)

<https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/pubs/2023004/pdf/2023004h.pdf>





# STATE PANEL INTRODUCTIONS



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# PANEL PRESENTATIONS

**15-minute presentations; 5 minutes of clarifying questions**

1. What motivated your state to pursue assessment innovation?
2. Why did you feel like you needed the IADA to do this?
3. What have been your most important successes thus far?
4. What have been your biggest challenges?
5. What do you know now that you wish you knew when you were applying?



# LOUISIANA OVERVIEW & LESSONS LEARNED



# AUDIENCE Q & A



# **NORTH CAROLINA OVERVIEW & LESSONS LEARNED**



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# GEORGIA OVERVIEW & LESSONS LEARNED



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## QUESTIONS?





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# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## **Discussions with State Leaders Approved to Implement Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority Pilots (August 2021)**

<https://www.nciea.org/blog/following-their-lead/> *(summary with links to videos of state leaders)*

- Tensions between instructional and accountability uses
- Scaling the innovation statewide
- Psychometric challenges
- Comparability challenges
- Advice to states
- Advice to U.S. Department of Education
- Tensions, Trade-Offs, and Innovation in Systemic Reform Efforts



**Thank You!**