

# 2018 Data Summary



**IRIS**  
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Serving: Higher Education Faculty • PD Providers • Practicing Educators  
Supporting the preparation of effective educators with the knowledge and skills to use evidence-based practices to improve outcomes for all students, especially struggling learners and those with disabilities.

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# What Is IRIS?

## PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

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By translating research to practice, IRIS creates open educational resources (OERs) about evidence-based practices (EBPs). These OERs are developed and disseminated for use in pre-service preparation and the professional development of educators.

## NEW IN 2018

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With a new funding cycle, IRIS has improved and expanded its offerings.

### Website — Updated

More Accessible • Easier To Navigate • GDPR Compliant

### Fundamental Skill Sheets — New Product Line

Behavior-Specific Praise • Choice Making • High-Probability Requests  
Proximity Control • Wait-Time

### Modules — New and Revised

IEPs: Developing High-Quality Individualized Education Programs (*developed*)  
Accommodations: Instructional and Testing Supports for Students with Disabilities (*revised*)

### Tools — New

High-Leverage Practices Alignment Tool  
IRIS-CEEDAR Innovation Configurations Alignment Tool • IRIS-SiMR Alignment Tool

### IRIS Stories — New Feature

Higher Education • State and District PD • Schools

## RESOURCES

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IRIS resources address important instructional and classroom issues. Aligned with professional standards, as well as evidence-based and high-leverage practices, IRIS Modules, Case Study Units, Activities, Information Briefs, and other materials are used by educators to improve the learning and behavioral outcomes of all students, especially struggling learners and those with disabilities. Free OERs available from the IRIS Center include:

**71** STAR Legacy  
Modules

**17** Case Study  
Units

**110** Course/PD  
Activities

**339** Information  
Briefs

**217** Video  
Vignettes

**22** Interviews

### TOOLS

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- › Evidence-Based Practice Summaries
- › Films
- › Children's Books
- › Glossary

# Who Uses IRIS?

## VISITS BY YEAR



2018 saw the largest ever number of visits to the IRIS Website.

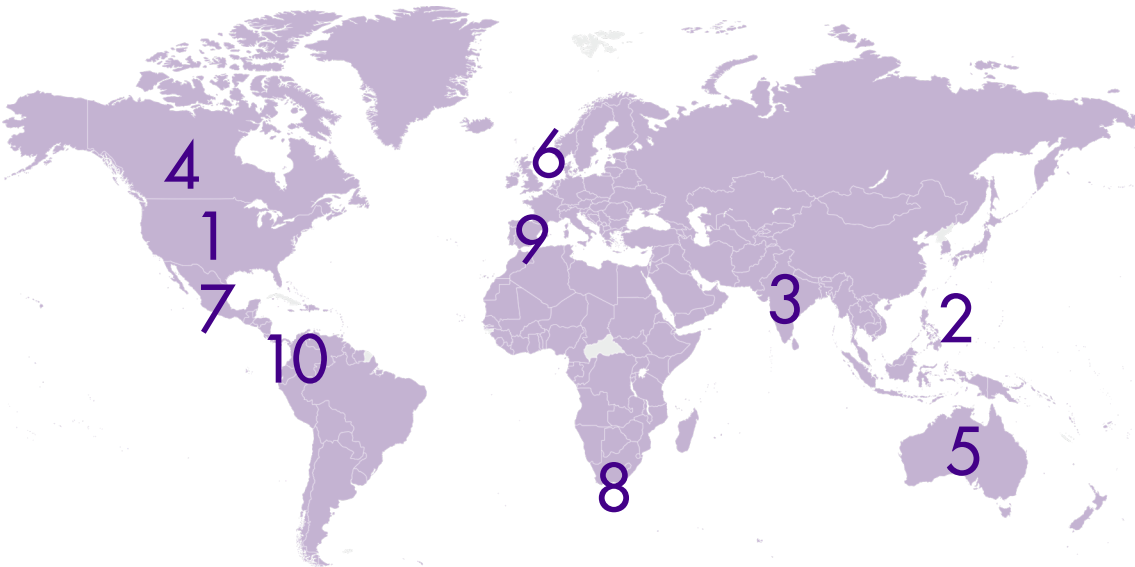
- **2.4 million visits**, an increase of **14%** over the previous year
- More than **17.4 million** total page views
- **968,109** new users
- **74%** new visitors, **26%** returning visitors

"I really enjoy these modules. IRIS is one of my main references for all special education questions. It is easy to understand and very helpful and clearly explained. I am not great at online courses, and IRIS is a great teaching tool."

*New Special Education Teacher  
The Pre-referral Process*

## GLOBAL USE

In 2018, IRIS resources were used in 216 countries and territories worldwide (indicated in purple).



### Top Users: 2018

1. United States  
2,090,092
2. Philippines  
40,567
3. India  
31,877
4. Canada  
23,164
5. Australia  
20,904
6. United Kingdom  
11,917
7. Mexico  
11,320
8. South Africa  
9,932
9. Spain  
8,076
10. Colombia  
6,283

# Who Uses IRIS?

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

IRIS is infused in the majority of U.S. institutions of higher education (IHEs) that have teacher preparation programs.

### Serving IHE Faculty

IRIS builds the capacity of higher education faculty to prepare effective educators



**984**: Number of IHEs in 2018 with state-approved special education *and* general education teacher preparation programs

How many use IRIS resources?

**93%**

Of these 984 IHEs, 79 have a special education doctoral program.

How many use IRIS resources?

**100%**

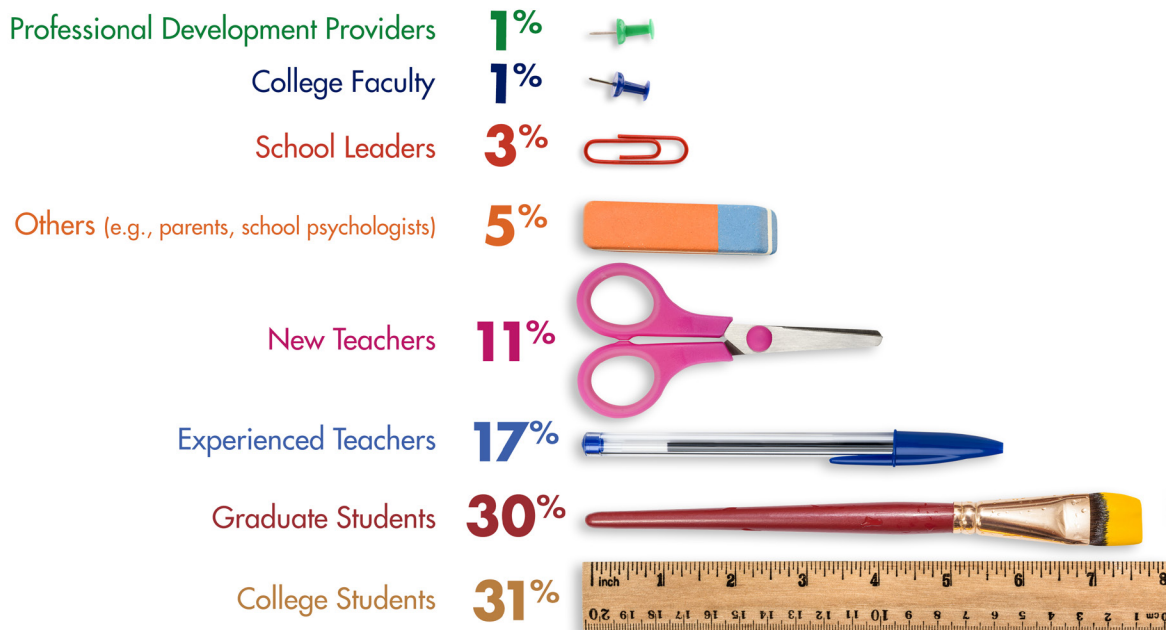
Additionally, 368 IHEs had state-approved general education teacher preparation programs only.

How many use IRIS resources?

**72%**

## MODULE USERS

Our Online Module Feedback Form collects ratings, comments, and suggestions from a variety of IRIS users.

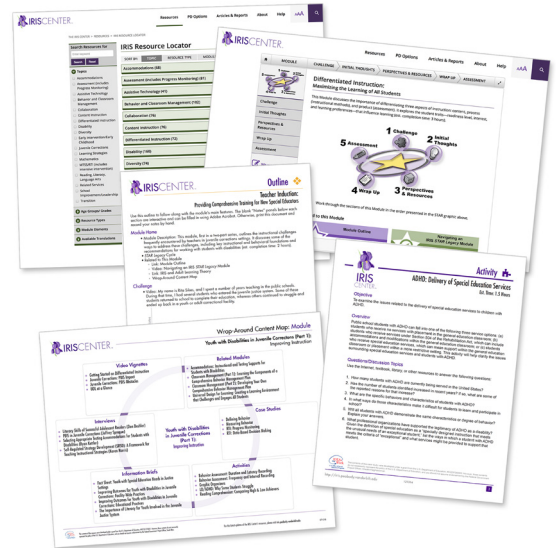


# What Do They Use?

## MOST POPULAR IRIS RESOURCES IN 2018

IRIS STAR Legacy Modules remain our most sought-after resource.

Rank	Resource	# of Visits
1	Modules	2,003,992
2	Module Outlines	57,598
3	Information Briefs	35,844
4	Course/PD Activities	34,632
5	Case Study Units	28,034
6	Film Tool	23,982
7	Spanish-Language Modules	18,059
8	Evidence-Based Practice Summaries	14,838
9	Module Wrap-Around Content Maps	14,576
10	Interviews	14,196



“Your PD is the key to our student growth! I have taken other modules, and they changed my teaching practice. My whole school and district needs this desperately. I recommend IRIS Modules to anyone who is seeking relevant, quality training so they can make some meaningful change. I will be your biggest advocate and spread the word far and wide.”

*Experienced Special Education Teacher  
Classroom Assessment (Part 1)*

## MOST POPULAR IRIS MODULES IN 2018

Google Analytics data reveal which modules are used most often.

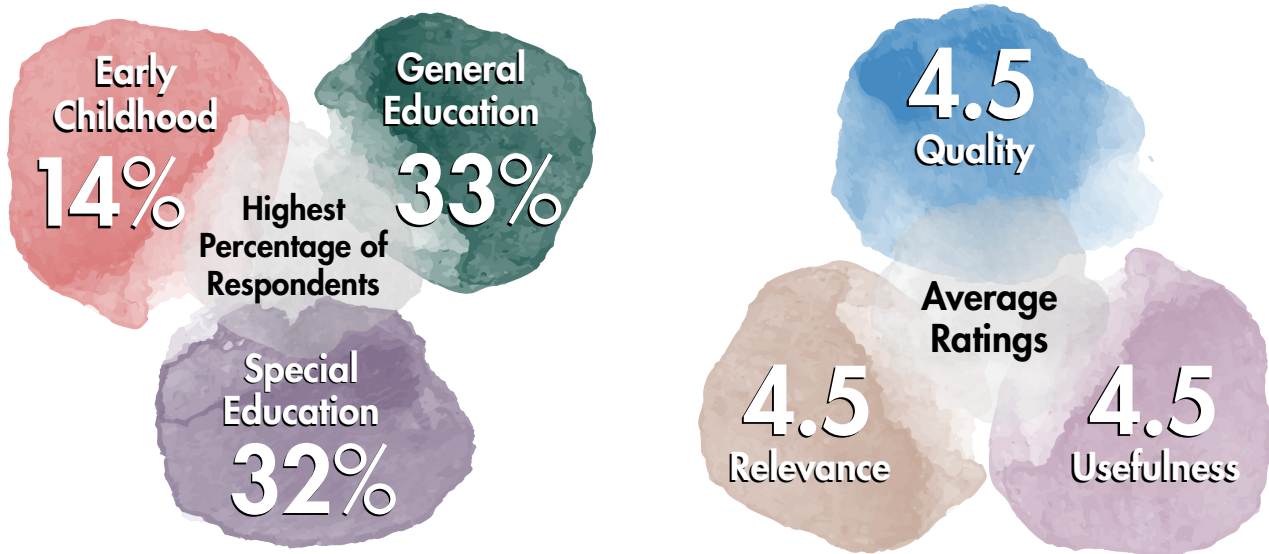
Rank	Resource	# of Visits
1	Differentiated Instruction	128,127
2	Universal Design for Learning	119,974
3	Functional Behavioral Assessment	117,816
4	Classroom Management (Part 1)	88,872
5	RTI (Part 1): An Overview	78,626
6	Teaching English Language Learners	66,045
7	Classroom Assessment (Part 1)	61,483
8	Classroom Diversity	54,376
9	Addressing Disruptive & Noncompliant Behaviors (Part 1)	53,554
10	Collaborating with Families	50,162



## How Does IRIS Rate?

### MODULE RATINGS

IRIS collects feedback from users through our Online Module Feedback Form. Last year, a diverse group of 4,516 respondents rated on a 5-point scale the quality, relevance, and usefulness of our resources.



## How Do Educators Learn About IRIS?

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND DISSEMINATION

In 2018, IRIS reached out to a broader audience than ever before and introduced them to resources on a wide range of topics.



# Professional Development Opportunities

## IRIS PD OPTIONS

### PD Certificates for Teachers

A low-cost and accessible online platform, IRIS PD Certificates for Teachers, which has seen increased use, allows individual teachers to:

- Select and work through more than 30 modules covering a range of important instructional topics
- Work at their own pace and track their own progress
- Demonstrate their knowledge on module-specific pre- and post-tests
- Download Certificates of Completion as proof of effort



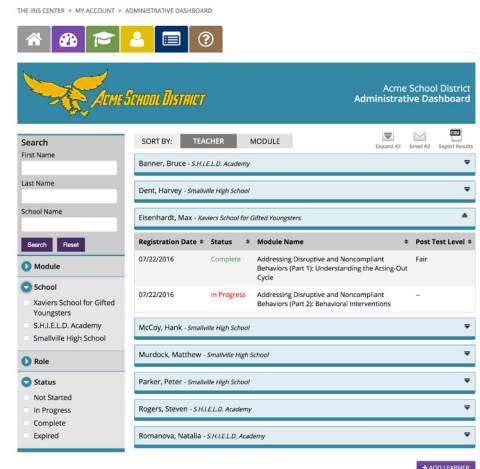
### IRIS School & District Platform

The IRIS School & District Platform offers school and district administrators an affordable, flexible, and intuitive tool for managing their professional development needs. Through it, they can:

- Assign teachers modules or bundles of modules
- Track teacher progress and easily export data for accountability
- Communicate with teachers via an integrated email platform

The most popular modules used for professional development:

Rank	Resource
1	CSR: A Reading Comprehension Strategy
2	Classroom Assessment (Part 1)
3	Classroom Assessment (Part 2)
4	Autism Spectrum Disorder: An Overview for Educators
5	Addressing Disruptive and Noncompliant Behaviors (Part 1)



### Micro-Credentials

In collaboration with Digital Promise, IRIS offers a “stack” of micro-credentials on instructional accommodations. Our micro-credentials:

- Focus on skills related to teaching students with disabilities
- Provide opportunities for educators to learn and demonstrate discrete skills
- Recognize educators for mastery of skills with shareable micro-badges

Instructional Accommodations



Presentation



Setting



Response



Timing & Scheduling

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