Purpose of the Testing

The purpose of the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) program is to measure student achievement in the subject areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science (Grades 4 and 6), and Social Studies (Grades 5 and 7). In particular, ISTEP+ reports student achievement levels according to the Indiana Academic Standards that were adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education. An Applied Skills Assessment and a Multiple-Choice Assessment, which are required components of the ISTEP+ program, are used to measure these standards. The purpose of the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD-3) assessment is to measure foundational reading standards through grade three. The ISTEP+ End of Course Assessments (ECAs) are criterion-referenced assessments developed specifically for students completing their instruction in Algebra I, Biology I, or English 10.

FREE Resources Available to Parents and Students

Visit the SCOH’s website. www.hobart.k12.in.us
Click on the Cool Tool called, "test Prep"!

The Test Prep Page Includes past test items, testing blueprints, scored tests and Scoring notes. Check out the ideas on how to get extra assistance to make a plan to pass the state assessments.

Spring 2015—Testing Schedule

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Make a Plan to Pass the State Assessments!
Student Worksheet

**Step 1: Circle your score from 2014 - If you don’t know ask a teacher or your counselor!**

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**Step 2: Use the FREE Resources to Prepare for Testing**

Visit the SCOH's website. https://www.hobart.k12.in.us - click on the Cool Tool called, “Test Prep for Goal Setting”!
The ‘Test Prep for Goal Setting’ Cool Tool includes past test items, testing blueprints, scored tests and Scoring notes.
Check out the ideas to get extra assistance to complete the plan below and pass the state assessments.

**Step 3: Develop A Smart Goal Plan**

SMART Goal ISTEP+ English Example:

**S**: Achieve a score of Pass on the ISTEP+ English in 8th grade.

**M**: Achieve a score of Pass & complete work.

**A**: Yes, it is attainable.

**R**: I will do this by completing my classwork, studying the past ISTEP scoring guides on writing, practice using 2 pt and 6pt writing rubrics.

**T**: I will complete this by mid February, so I’m ready for the ISTEP test on March 3rd.

SMART Goal ISTEP+ Math Example:

**S**: Achieve a score of Pass + on the ISTEP+ Math in 8th grade and an A in class.

**M**: Achieve a score of Pass+ and 95%-A grade

**A**: Yes, it is attainable.

**R**: I will do this by completing my classwork, using the Khan academy to review skills from 8th grade math, and attend study tables.

**T**: I will complete this by mid February, so I’m ready for the ISTEP test on March 3rd.

**What is Your Plan?**

**S**: ________________________________

**M**: ________________________________

**A**: ________________________________

**R**: ________________________________

**T**: ________________________________

Learn more about SMART Goals — http://www.hobart.k12.in.us — Click on 'Our District’ tab. Then click the District Newsletter link.