



Common Questions about the Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3) Assessment

What is IREAD-3?

- IREAD-3 will be administered to students enrolled in grade 3.
- Achieving proficiency on this assessment fulfills the requirements of Public Law 109, designed to ensure that students can read before accessing fourth grade curriculum.
- This assessment will be piloted* in Spring 2011. Following a standard setting process in the Summer of 2011 to set proficiency levels, the assessment will be operationalized** in Spring 2012.

When is IREAD-3 administered?

- IREAD-3 will be administered following the ISTEP+ Applied Skills assessment window.
- In Spring 2011, the pilot assessment will be given on March 14-16.

What is assessed on IREAD-3?

- Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 specifically assesses foundational reading standards through grade three.
- An item sampler and the test blueprint will be released by early February and can be accessed by visiting <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/>.

What results should I expect to receive?

- Since this assessment is administered as a pilot during Spring 2011, data will not be released formally for detailed instructional analysis.
- More detailed reports will be available once the assessment is operationalized in Spring 2012.
- Results from the pilot administration in Spring 2011 will not impact the promotion of current grade three students to grade four.

How will schools be selected for the Spring 2011 pilot administration?

- Piloted assessments are designed to assess a representative sample of students across the state of Indiana, accounting for region and demographics of the student population.
- We are working to administer the IREAD-3 pilot assessment to a sample that includes at least one school per corporation.

Are there exemptions for students?

- Good Cause Exemptions that allow for flexibility in determining access to grade four curriculum include:
 1. Students who have previously been retained two times prior to 4th grade.
 2. Students with disabilities whose Case Conference Committee has determined that promotion is appropriate.
 3. English Learner students whose Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Committee has determined that promotion is appropriate.

*Pilot assessment: An assessment that is administered to students in which the data generated is not used to make determinations about the sampled population.

**Operational assessment: An assessment that is administered to students in which the data generated will be used to make determinations about the student. In Spring 2012, the reports generated for IREAD-3 will be used to determine access to the grade four curriculum.