

2017-18 Mathematics Accountability Assessment FAQs

- 1) Will the class of 2021 have a math assessment for accountability?

Yes. The applicable accountability assessment is dependent on when students take Algebra I.

- Students taking Algebra I in grade 9: Administer the Grade 10 ISTEP+ in 2017-18 to these 2021 cohort students.
- Students taking Algebra I in grade 10: Administer the new Algebra I ECA in 2018-19 to these 2021 cohort students.
- Students taking Algebra I in grade 8 or earlier: Administer a more rigorous mathematics assessment required by ESSA in 2018-19 or beyond to these 2021 cohort students. More guidance will be forthcoming on potential options for this assessment.

- 2) Will the class of 2021 have ISTEP+ as their GQE?

The State Board of Education approves requirements for the new graduation pathway defined in HEA 1003.

- 3) Will the class of 2021 have an English assessment for accountability?

Students enrolled in English 10 will be administered the English 10 ECA in 2019 following the test development cycle.

- 4) Who will take the current ECAs in 2017-18?

Grade 12 and adult students will take the current ECAs (aligned to 2010 standards) in 2017-18.

- 5) When will the Biology ECA begin?

The Biology ECA will begin in 2018-19. In 2017-18 students enrolled in Biology will take the Grade 10 Science ISTEP+.

- 6) Will grade 8 Algebra I students have a math assessment for accountability??

In 2017-18, grade 8 Algebra I students will be administered Grade 8 ISTEP+.

In 2018-19 and beyond, grade 8 students who have completed or are enrolled in Algebra I will take the Algebra I ECA. Grade 8 students not yet enrolled in Algebra I will take the Grade 8 ILEARN.

- 7) Why will students who take the Algebra I ECA in grade 8 have to take a more rigorous assessment in high school for accountability? Can their Algebra I score be banked?

Scores can no longer be banked. ESSA defines that if a student takes the Algebra I ECA in grade 8, then the score on that assessment is used for the middle school's accountability for that school year. Further, ESSA requires that these students must be assessed in mathematics for accountability in Grades 9-12.

- 8) Is there now a requirement to have a 2 year Algebra I course?

No, for high school credit, students can enroll in one of the following courses:

- Algebra I
- Algebra I with an Algebra Lab
- Integrated Math I
- Integrated Math I and Integrated Math Lab

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