



# ILEARN Assessment Information for Families



## 5 Key Points for Families to Understand About Indiana's New Assessments



*“Educator-Created; Student-Centered”*



### 1. What is ILEARN?

ILEARN is Indiana's **new online computer-adaptive assessment** designed to **measure your child's proficiency** of the Indiana Academic Standards in Grades 3–8, Biology and U.S. Government. ILEARN fulfills both state and federal legislative requirements as the accountability assessment for Indiana students.

Subject	Grade(s)
ILEARN English/Language Arts	Grades 3–8
ILEARN Mathematics	Grades 3–8
ILEARN Science	Grades 4 and 6
ILEARN Social Studies	Grade 5
ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)	High School*
ILEARN U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)(optional)	High School*

\*Taken at the end of the course, regardless of grade level.



### 2. What is a computer-adaptive assessment and how does it benefit my child?

Computer-adaptive assessments adapt to each student's mastery of the content throughout the assessment. Every time a student answers a question, his or her response helps determine the next question presented. **The difficulty of the test will adjust to each student's skills**, providing a better measure of what each student knows and can do.

- ILEARN is a computer-adaptive assessment. For more information about computer-adaptive assessments, visit: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/assessment-literacy>.



### 3. How does ILEARN support all students?

The **new online testing system is easy to use** and is more accessible to students who require **features or accommodations** while testing. New tools and resources are available to help students show what they know.

- Built-in glossaries allow students to select unfamiliar words and read their definitions. Glossaries are available in English, Arabic, Burmese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Students are provided with authentic tools, such as spell check, a dictionary, and a thesaurus for use when responding to the writing task.
- The Desmos calculator (provided for Mathematics Grades 6–8) is available for students to practice using free of charge at: [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com).
- Spanish translations (stacked over the English version) are available for Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.



### 4. What resources are available to help prepare my child for ILEARN?

- Indiana's Released Items Repository allows students to interact with released items and try some of the tools and features at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-sample-items-and-scoring>.
- Indiana's ILEARN Portal provides information and resources for understanding the assessment at: <https://ilearn.portal.airast.org/>.
- The ILEARN for Families website answers questions about ILEARN at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families>.



### 5. When will I receive score reports about my student's performance on ILEARN?

- Schools can access final scores and score reports on August 15, 2019 in the Online Reporting System. Beginning in 2019–20, reports will be available to schools within 12 days of students testing.
- Reports provide a scale score as an indication of overall student achievement in a grade level, as well as several subscores.
- Parents and guardians may request rescoring of open-ended items through the local school.

Contact us at: [INassessments@doe.in.gov](mailto:INassessments@doe.in.gov) with questions.

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# What's Changing in 2019

- Moving from ISTEP to ILEARN
  - Online computer adaptive test
  - Performance tasks
  - Untimed (performance tasks need to be finished within that school day)
  - Only 1 testing window...less time testing!
  - There are more features and accommodations (glossaries, authentic tools like spell check)
  - No calculators below 6<sup>th</sup> grade, hundreds charts can be used as an accommodation if listed in an IEP

## What Does Each Grade Level Take?

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ILEARN English/Language Arts	Grades 3–8
ILEARN Mathematics	Grades 3–8
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ILEARN Social Studies	Grade 5

# Testing Window

- ILEARN April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>
- IREAD March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Sample ILEARN Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELA Computer Adaptive	ELA Computer Adaptive	ELA Computer Adaptive Make-ups	ELA Performance Task	ELA Performance Task
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math Computer Adaptive	Math Computer Adaptive	Math Computer Adaptive Make-ups	Math Performance Task	Math Performance Task

- We will send specific dates once we have the school schedule finalized.
- Please be mindful that perfect attendance during testing is very important, refrain from scheduling appointments during the testing window!

# What does test prep look like at the Lab School?

- We try to integrate as much as possible rather than doing weeks of strict test prep
  - Math review questions are worded like test questions
  - Math problem solving
  - Students have been practicing typing in media
  - Sample performance task (writing) questions
  - Use online resources to get familiar with the system



## Sample Computer Adaptive Questions

Read the sentences from the passage.

Day after day they dug. Their neighbor was astonished to see how long and hard the young men worked.

What does the word astonished **most likely** mean?

- Ⓐ disappointed
  - Ⓑ discovered
  - Ⓒ satisfied
  - Ⓓ surprised
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# Sample Computer Adaptive Questions

## Part A

This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Which statement about the boys is supported by the passage?

- Ⓐ The boys did not share the work equally.
- Ⓑ The boys did not know how to plant a field of rice.
- Ⓒ The young boys wished to surprise their father with a special dinner.
- Ⓓ The young boys preferred to sit in the house instead of working outside.

## Part B

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports your answer in part A.

- Ⓐ The sons promised and hurried out to begin.
- Ⓑ As the years went by, it became clear even to their father that the boys were lazy.
- Ⓒ At last, the entire field had been dug, but no treasure had been found.
- Ⓓ The brothers moped around with their heads down.

# Sample Computer Adaptive Questions

## ***BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT***

Your school is having a one-day basketball tournament. Your task is to help plan the one-day basketball tournament using the following information.

List A and List B provide important facts about the tournament.

### **List A. Tournament Planning Information**

- There will be 4 basketball games.
- Two teams play in each game.
- Each team has 7 players.
- There needs to be enough water for each player to have 4 cups during each game.

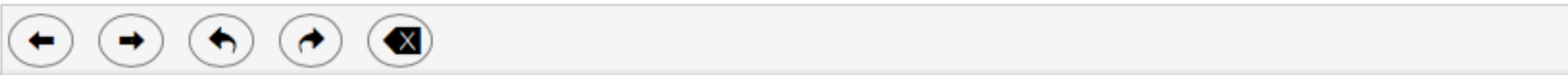
### **List B. Tournament Timing Information**

- Each basketball game is 1 hour.
- There is a 10 minute break between each game.
- Game 1 will begin at 10:00 a.m.

# Sample Computer Adaptive Questions

Use **List A** to help you answer this question.

How many cups of water are needed for the players on both teams during Game 1?



1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
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# Sample Performance Task

- View sample Performance Tasks on the Released Items Repository

# Released Items Repository

<https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-sample-items-and-scoring>

# Test Taking Tips

- Mints!
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Be sure to eat a healthy breakfast.
- **Arrive at school on time.**
- Reduce anxiety-
  - Use Yoga poses
  - Practice deep-breathing exercises
  - Build confidence
  - Keep all talk positive
  - Use testing as just a way to show what you know
  - Do the best you can do!

## Samples of Positive Talk

- “It’s just a way for you to show everything you know! All you have to do is do your best.”
- “You’re ready. Be confident. You can do it!”
- “I’m proud of how hard you have been working!”
- “If you get stuck take a deep breath, skip the problem, and come back to it later.”



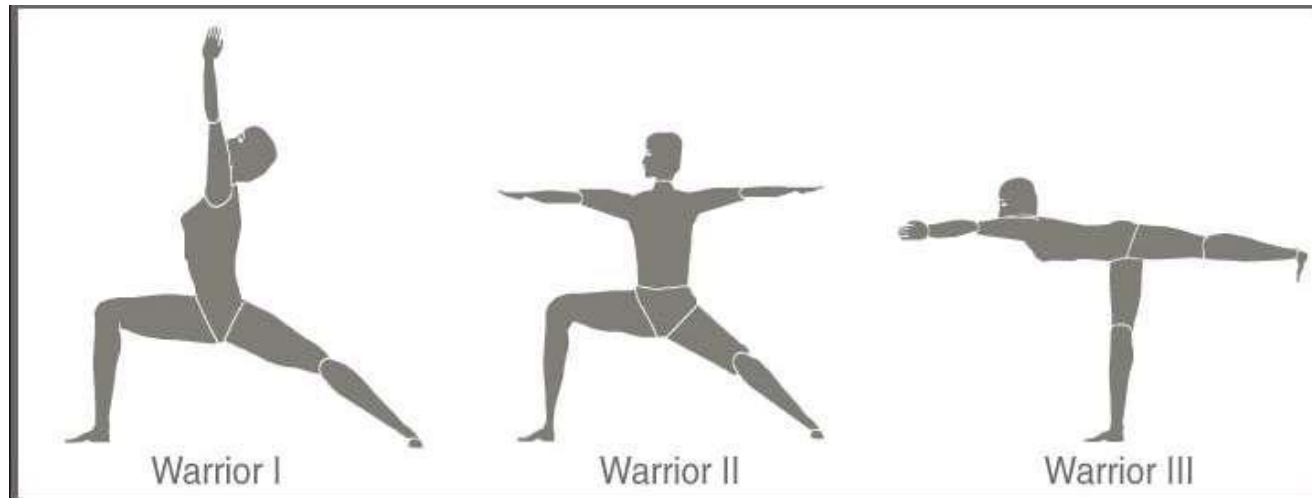
# Sample Yoga Poses to Relieve Anxiety



Child's Pose



Tree Pose



Warrior I

Warrior II

Warrior III

# Mountains and Valleys Breathing

- Increase Attention
- Reduces Stress and Anxiety



## ILEARN Scores

- Schools will be able to access scores on August 15<sup>th</sup> for this year's test
- Next year the scores will be available within 12 days of student testing
- Timeliness of the reports will be a huge improvement compared to ISTEP
- Reports will provide a scale score as an indication of overall achievement as well as some sub scores
- Parents and guardians may request rescores of open-ended items through the school

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## IREAD for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Prep for ILEARN also helps them to be ready for IREAD
- 25-35% Reading Foundations and Vocabulary
  - Beginning sounds/Blends
  - Vowel sounds
  - Homographs, Suffixes, Prefixes
  - Synonyms and Antonyms
- 30-40% Reading Literature
- 30-40% Reading Nonfiction
- All computer based!

## IRFAD Sample Questions

11.) Which of these sentences from the passage **best** tells where snow fleas search for food?

- “Lift your hand up, and snow fleas jump off.”
- “They look like grains of pepper popping up and down.”
- “When the hooks open, the tails spring out, and the snow flea leaps up.”
- “In the winter, snow fleas chew dead leaves and plants buried beneath the snow.”

Snow fleas are also called springtails.

spring

none

tiny

## IREAD Scores

- We get IREAD scores quickly – within a few weeks.
- If your child does not pass they have an opportunity to either retake at the end of the school year or go to summer school and retake the test.
- If your child does not pass the second time they can move on to fourth grade and receive third grade reading instruction.
- We handle this process with sensitivity. We ask families to have private conversations with their child about IREAD scores.



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