



2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant Application

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Where can I find more information regarding this grant?

Please feel free to visit the Formative Assessment Grant website at <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/formative-assessment-grant> or email the Office of Student Assessment at FormativeAssessments@doe.in.gov.

2) What is the purpose of this grant?

House Enrolled Act 1001 (the Budget bill) appropriated \$12,000,000 to the Indiana Department of Education (the Department) for the purpose of providing grant funding to schools for formative tests to identify students that require remediation.

3) Who is eligible to receive this grant?

All Indiana public school corporations, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools are eligible to apply for this grant.

4) How much funding will each corporation receive?

The Indiana General Assembly allocated \$12 million for the 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant opportunity.

Schools may begin to utilize formative assessment tests as soon as desired, however, it is important to note that the final per pupil, per content area funding will not be finalized until after the *Request to Participate* form submission window has closed and calculations based on statewide student participation have been completed. As such, the corporation/school will be responsible for any costs incurred above the final per pupil, per content area amount.

5) Can these grant funds be used to purchase any formative assessment test?

These grant funds can only be used to purchase approved formative assessment tests. Please see the 2016-17 Formative Assessment Approved Vendors and Tests section on the Formative Assessment website for more details: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/formative-assessment-grant>



6) What type of flexibility is available with formative assessment tests purchased with this grant?

The following is determined at the local level:

- Formative assessment test vendor(s) selected
- Formative assessment test window(s)
- Student Population or Grade levels that will be served (i.e., one grade level, multiple grade levels, or specific student populations such as the bottom 25% of students)
- Content areas targeted (i.e., English Language Arts and/or Math)
- Schools selected (i.e., all schools in a corporation or select schools targeted by the corporation)

7) What professional development will my corporation receive regarding the use of formative assessment tests?

Corporations are strongly encouraged to research the basic professional development that will be offered by potential vendors (before entering into local contracts) to ensure the vendor(s) selected will provide adequate training opportunities to ensure educators know how to appropriately utilize the formative assessment test(s) data with fidelity to assist with individualizing/differentiating instruction and remediation for students.

Corporations that desire more advanced or customized professional development are welcome to use local funding to cover the additional costs associated with such training.

8) What can the Formative Assessment Grant funding cover?

Formative Assessment Grant dollars can only be used to provide the following:

- English/Language Arts and/or Math formative assessment tests that meet specific criteria;
- Basic professional development to assist staff with formative assessment test implementation fidelity and appropriate use of formative assessment test data;
- Diagnostic analysis of student performance;
- Student performance reports and analysis for teachers and parents; and
- Differentiated learning tools for educators, students and parents that support areas of instructional need