



MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents  
Title III Directors

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RE: Fall 2007 ISTEP+ Flexibility for Newly Arrived LEP Students in Their First Year of Enrollment in U.S. Schools

As described in section 3.2.7 of the 2007-08 ISTEP+ Program Manual at <http://www.doe.state.in.us/istep/ProgramManual.html>, school corporations are required to administer ISTEP+ math and science assessments to LEP students who have been enrolled in U.S. schools for less than one year (see definition below). In terms of ISTEP+ English/language arts assessments for these students, corporations have two options:

- 1) Administer the English/language arts portion of ISTEP+;
- OR
- 2) Administer the LAS Links English Language Proficiency Assessment in the spring of 2008. Participation in the LAS Links Placement Test does not qualify students for this flexibility.

“Less than one year” indicates the student enrolled in U.S. schools after October 1, 2006.

School corporations will be required to submit an electronic list of all newly arrived students receiving the flexibility (by STN and corresponding student name) using the LEP/ISTEP+ data collection on the STN Application Center. The layout is posted at: <http://www.doe.state.in.us/stn/welcome.html> and must be submitted **by October 12, 2007**.

Please note: If this flexibility is implemented, it must be **applied throughout the corporation for all first year LEP students in all tested grades**.

The ISTEP+ test results of students who have not been enrolled for 162 days (which should include first-year LEP students) are not included in AYP determinations. However, the 95 percent participation requirement is met when students take:

- 1) the ISTEP+ math and science assessments; AND
- 2) either the ISTEP+ English/language arts assessment OR the Spring 2008 LAS Links English Language Proficiency Assessment.