

2020-2021 Practice Test Guidance

Schools must use these guidelines to administer practice tests to students prior to operational testing. The purpose of practice tests is to familiarize students with the testing experience, including logging in to the online system, using tools and features, interacting with different item types, and working with any assigned accommodations and/or designated supports. Test Administrators (TAs) must follow the directions included in the appropriate Test Administrator’s Manual (TAM) when administering a practice test. Students must participate in a practice test for a given content area in advance of the corresponding operational test (e.g., a student completes the practice test for Mathematics before beginning the operational test for Mathematics).

Only licensed TAs may administer Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) practice tests to students. Licensed school personnel who will serve as TAs must first complete the CAI TA Certification Course. Only TAs who have completed the TA Certification Course and are flagged as such in CAI’s Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) will be able to initiate any test sessions. TAs need only complete the certification course once prior to initiating sessions for ILEARN, IREAD-3, and/or ISTEP+ assessments. A separate TA Certification Course is required for I AM.

WIDA Screener and ACCESS online practice tests can be accessed via a public URL; thus, completion of WIDA training is not required to administer WIDA practice tests.

Assessment	Practice Test Required?	Date Available	Location Available
ISTEP+ Retest	Students must participate in one practice test per school year if participating in retest administrations.	October 5, 2020	CAI’s Secure Browser Indiana Assessment Portal
I AM	Yes	April 5, 2021*	
ILEARN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-8 Biology ECA U.S. Government ECA 	Yes	TBD	
IREAD-3** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Summer Retest 	Yes		
WIDA	Yes	Always available	DRC INSIGHT or https://wbte.drctdirect.com/WIDA/portals/wida

*The practice test for I AM will be embedded in the operational assessment. Students and TAs will not have access until the testing window opens on April 5, 2021.

**The practice test must be administered annually to students. A practice test is not required for each administration once the interactions are confirmed annually during the first administration given to the student.