



# Indiana's Alternate Measure (I AM) FAQ

Question	Answer
What is I AM?	I AM is Indiana's Alternate Measure replacing ISTAR beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.
Who will take I AM?	I AM is the summative accountability assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3-8 and 10.
Has the vendor for I AM been identified?	Yes. The American Institutes for Research, or AIR, will be the vendor for I AM. This is the same vendor that will be used for ILEARN and IREAD-3 ensuring a cohesive system.
What standards will I AM measure?	I AM assesses Indiana Alternate Academic Standards, also known as Content Connectors.
How will I AM be delivered?	I AM is a stage-adaptive test for all content areas, similar to ISTAR. A stage adaptive test means the assessment will be delivered in two segments. In Segment 1, all students take the same test form that consists of items from a range of complexities. Performance on Segment 1 determines placement into one of three tiered forms for Segment 2. Each tiered form contains a mixture of items from adjacent levels. Performance on items from both segments are combined for the final summative student score.
How will educators know what tier students are placed into for Segment 2?	Once a student completes Segment 1, the Test Delivery System will immediately assign a tier based on the student's performance in Segment 1. In entering Segment 2, the student and test administrator will be informed of the tier assignment before the student accesses the first item in Segment 2. While the transition from Segment 1 to Segment 2 is seamless, the test administrator should wait to administer Segment 2 to the student until the following day.

<p>What item types can students expect to encounter on I AM?</p>	<p>All content areas (Mathematics, ELA, Science, and Social Studies) will be assessed using three-option multiple-choice items for the 2018-2019 school year. Additional items types will be considered in the years to follow.</p>
<p>How will I AM data be communicated?</p>	<p>I AM data will be provided at the student, classroom, school, and corporation levels. IDOE has collaborated with educators to refine the reporting categories. You can find these reporting categories on the I AM Blueprints found here: <a href="https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/i-am-test-design">https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/i-am-test-design</a></p>
<p>Will I AM be a timed test?</p>	<p>Similar to ISTAR, I AM will be an untimed assessment delivered in a one-on-one setting with the classroom teacher.</p>
<p>Will I AM be completely online?</p>	<p>The primary mode is online. Paper, Large-Print, and Braille materials will be available for students as an accommodation.</p>
<p>What is different about I AM?</p>	<p>Key differences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional accommodations and student supports</li> <li>• Single test window</li> <li>• New test items</li> <li>• New online test interface and technology</li> </ul>
<p>What resources will be offered for use by teachers and schools related to the transition to I AM?</p>	<p>As we transition to I AM, the IDOE has provided test blueprints and item specifications for each grade level and content area. Each set of item specifications includes sample item stems, sample items, cognitive complexity levels, content constraints and evidence statements for each Content Connector. We have also provided a Released Items Repository and a Practice Test so students and educators can interact with test items on the online platform before the test is administered. Performance Level Descriptors will be available in December.</p>
<p>How can educators become involved in the I AM development process?</p>	<p>Indiana educators will be needed to assist with many components of the I AM test development process, including item reviews for content and bias/sensitivity issues, as well as standard setting.</p> <p>In order to participate in one of our educator committees, please complete the survey found here: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/80446357051959">https://form.jotform.com/80446357051959</a></p>
<p>Whom can we contact with questions about I AM?</p>	<p>Please direct any questions to <a href="mailto:inassessments@doe.in.gov">inassessments@doe.in.gov</a>. We will also update this FAQ periodically.</p>