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TO: Superintendents, Principals, School Leaders
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment
DATE: June 15, 2018
RE: ILEARN Biology & U.S. Government ECAs – Participation Guidance & Test Windows

The Department defined guidance for ILEARN Biology & U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs) beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

ILEARN Biology ECA

- Students enrolled in Biology must participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA upon completion of the Biology course, regardless of their enrolled grade level.
- Indiana educators designed the ILEARN Biology ECA to meet ESSA requirements and as such, is not designed to serve as or be used in calculating students' final course grades.
- The results of the ILEARN Biology ECA are not incorporated in a school's accountability determinations.
- Students may participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA during any one of the approved testing windows that coincide with schools' semester or trimester schedules at course completion (see chart, below).
- Accommodated (e.g., paper-and-pencil) test forms will be available for use during the February and April/May windows only in 2018-2019.
- Indiana educators will meet in Spring 2019 to recommend performance levels and cut scores. Schools will have access to Year 1 results on August 15. Beginning in 2020, results will be available by July 1.
- There is no retest opportunity for the ILEARN Biology ECA.
- The ISTEP+ Grade 10 Science assessment will no longer be offered.

ILEARN U.S. Government ECA (Optional)

- High school students enrolled in U.S. Government may take the optional ILEARN U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessment upon completion of the course.
- Indiana educators designed the ILEARN U.S. Government ECA to serve as a final exam to be given at the end of the course. Decisions about the use of results when calculating students' final course grades may be indicated at the school or corporation level. The Department is working with AIR to ensure the reporting timeframe allows this to occur.
- The results of the ILEARN U.S. Government ECA are not incorporated in a school's accountability determinations.
- Schools may choose to use student scores when calculating course grades. Classroom, school and corporation reporting should inform curricular decisions.
- Students may participate in the ILEARN U.S. Government ECA during the spring test window only.
- Indiana educators will meet in Spring 2019 to recommend performance levels (e.g., *At Proficiency and Approaching Proficiency*) and a single cut score.
- There is no retest opportunity for the ILEARN U.S. Government ECA.

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Approved 2018-2019 Test Windows

ILEARN End-of-Course Assessment	2018-2019 Test Windows
Biology	December 4 – 20, 2018
	February 11 – 28, 2019
	April 22 – May 24, 2019
U.S. Government	April 22 – May 24, 2019

Please direct any questions to INassessments@doe.in.gov.