



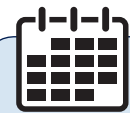
# Information for Families About the I AM Assessment

*“Educator-Created; Student-Centered”*



## 1. What is I AM?

I AM (Indiana’s Alternate Measure) is an accountability assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3–8 and high school. I AM measures student achievement according to Indiana’s Alternate Academic Standards or Content Connectors. Indiana educators are involved in each stage of developing I AM assessments.



## 2. When do students begin taking I AM?

I AM assessments will be administered during the spring of the 2019-2020 school year to students in grades 3–8 and high school. There is a single testing window from April 6–May 15, 2020. I AM assessments are untimed and delivered in a one-on-one setting with a classroom educator.

| Subject                    | Grade(s)                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| I AM English Language Arts | Grades 3–8 and 10        |
| I AM Mathematics           | Grades 3–8 and 10        |
| I AM Science               | Grades 4, 6, and Biology |
| I AM Social Studies        | Grade 5                  |

*Scoring information for all grades will be available by July 1, 2020, for the 2019–2020 school year.*



## 3. How is I AM delivered?

I AM is a stage-adaptive assessment administered in parts. In a stage-adaptive test, the student’s answers help determine the next group of items the student receives, building the test in parts.

In Part One, a placement test is administered to all students to determine the student’s general level of performance. In Part Two, a more targeted test is administered to the student based on their performance in Part One.

There are three versions of Part Two: Form A (low difficulty), Form B (moderate difficulty) and Form C (high difficulty). The student’s form placement in Part Two will be determined by their performance in Part One. The student’s total score is based on performance from both parts of the test.



## 4. How does the online system impact students?

I AM assessments are primarily delivered online. The online testing system offers several accessibility features to accommodate students, including:

- Zoom in and zoom out for text and graphics
- Text-to-speech capabilities
- Strikethrough
- Calculator
- Expandable passages and items
- Color contrast
- Masking
- Mouse pointer (size and color)
- Print size
- Translation-Spanish (Stacked) for mathematics, science, and social studies (for English learners)
- Highlighting text
- Integration with assistive technology



## 5. What else should I know about I AM?

I AM items are all multiple choice. I AM results indicate how your child is performing on the Content Connectors and determine in which areas your child requires more support to accomplish his or her learning goals.

**Visit the following resources for more information on I AM assessments:**

- **Indiana I AM website**  
<https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iam>
- **Indiana Portal**  
<https://indiana.portal.airast.org/>

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