

TO: Superintendents, Special Education Directors, Assessment Coordinators
FROM: Nancy Holsapple, Director of Special Education, Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Assessment
RE: Expanded Accommodations Available for Upcoming ILEARN Administration
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In the last meeting of the Indiana Standards and Assessment Accommodation Task Force on October 19, 2020, a set of recommendations regarding accommodations for students on state assessments was passed and will be shared with the General Assembly. These recommendations came about as a series of public meetings ([video archives of these meetings and meeting minutes are available here](#)). In light of these recommendations, the Indiana Department of Education is working to expand the accommodations available on the upcoming administration of ILEARN in the spring of 2021. Using guidance and a set of parameters which are slated to be approved by the State Board of Education by the end of the year, case conference committees may extend Text to Speech (TTS) as an accommodation for students in grades 3-5.

The Department will also be working with the provider of the Indiana Individualized Education Program (IEP) system to add this TTS accommodation choice on the English Language Arts portion of the ILEARN Assessment for grades 3-5.

The Department will provide follow-up details as soon as they are available including links to the specific guidance about the use of this new accommodation and information about when it will be available in the Indiana IEP system. Questions about this change and the IEP system may be directed to Reva Weiss (rweiss1@doe.in.gov) and questions regarding the intersection of these accommodations and assessment may be directed to Karen Davies (kdavies@doe.in.gov).