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TO: Superintendents, Principals, School Leaders
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment
DATE: January 26, 2018
RE: ISTEP+ and IREAD-3: Practice Test Information

Purpose

The practice test provides an opportunity for students to understand testing procedures and the functionality of the system in advance of the operational test. During the online practice test, students practice logging in and out of test sections, using available online testing tools, and responding to different item types so that they are familiar with the online functionalities they will encounter while taking the operational test.

Access

- Online Testing: Administer through the PearsonAccess^{next} training site.
- Paper Testing: Paper practice tests will arrive in corporations with other test materials on the following dates: February 12 (ISTEP+ Part 1), February 23 (IREAD-3), and April 2 (ISTEP+ Part 2). PDF versions can be downloaded in advance of these dates from the IDOE – Test Coordinator Corner in Learning Connection.

Guidance

- Students must participate in the practice test **at least** once prior to taking the operational test.
- Directions for administering the practice tests are located in the ISTEP+ Examiner's Manuals (Grades 3-8), ISTEP+ Practice Test Manual (Grade 10), and IREAD-3 Test Administration Manual. Manuals can be downloaded from the Indiana Resource Center under Training Resources (<http://indiana.pearsonaccessnext.com/resources-training/>).
- There are no set testing times prescribed for the practice tests. Please allow enough time for students to interact with the online system, ask clarifying questions, and discuss different item types, as needed. Test administrators may call "time" as appropriate.

Spring 2018 Practice Test Windows

ISTEP+ Practice Test Windows	Dates
ISTEP+ Part 1 Practice Window: Online and Paper-and-Pencil	January 22 – March 9, 2018
ISTEP+ Part 2 Practice Window: Online and Paper-and-Pencil	March 5 – May 4, 2018

IREAD-3 Practice Test Window	Dates
IREAD-3 Practice Window: Online and Paper-Pencil	February 12 – March 16, 2018