

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Corporation Test Coordinators  
CC: Superintendents  
Special Education Directors  
From: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of the Office of Student Assessment  
Dr. Nancy Hosapple, Director of Special Education  
Date: July 6, 2018  
Re: Indiana's Unified English Braille (UEB) Implementation Update

In November 2012, the Braille Authority of North America (BANA) voted to adopt Unified English Braille (UEB) to replace the English Braille American Edition (EBAE) braille code in the United States while continuing the use of the Nemeth Code for Mathematics and Science Notation, 1972 Revision, the Music Braille Code 1997, and the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) Braille Code, 2008. BANA affirmed that as of January 4, 2016, the United States would implement the general use of UEB.

Indiana actively worked on the transition to UEB from the EBAE, with a six-year transition plan developed by shared stakeholders in 2013. The 2018-2019 academic year marks the final year of the transition our plan as all new requests for school-age instructional materials will be produced in UEB and/or UEB with Nemeth. All students who read braille will be expected to access materials in UEB. The IDOE will provide state assessments in UEB and/or UEB with Nemeth only for all grade levels as of the Spring of 2019.<sup>1</sup>

### **2018-2019 SY**

- Complete UEB transition. All school-age materials will be produced in UEB and/or UEB with Nemeth. All students who read braille will be expected to access material produced in UEB.
- Based on availability of UEB, existing materials transcribed in EBAE may continue to be provided.

### *Spring 2019*

- IDOE provides state assessments in UEB and/or UEB with Nemeth for all grades.

To view the state plan and other information regarding UEB, visit the Indiana Educational Resource Center (IERC) [UEB](#) page on the PATINS Project website.

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<sup>1</sup> The Department offers two final administrations of the ISTEP+ ECAs during the 2018-2019 school year enrolled in Cohort 2018 and prior. The ISTEP+ ECAs will be offered in EBAE and /or EBAE with Nemeth only per the original transition guidance.