Information for Families About the Indiana 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 10. 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, building an assessment system that benefits our students.

2. When do students begin taking I AM?

I AM assessments will be administered during the spring of the 2018–2019 school year to students in grades 3–8 and 10. There is a single testing window from April 8–May 17, 2019. 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 August 15, 2018, for the 2018–2019 school year.

3. How is I AM delivered?

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

In stage one, a placement test is administered to all students to determine the student's general level of performance. In stage two, a more targeted test is administered to the student based on their performance in stage one.

There are three versions of stage two: Tier 1 (low complexity), Tier 2 (moderate complexity) and Tier 3 (high complexity). The student's tier placement in stage two will be determined by their performance in stage one. The student's total score is based on performance from both stages of the test.

4. How does the new online system benefit students?

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

- Zoom in and zoom out for text and graphics
- Text-to-speech capabilities
- Answer eliminator
- Calculator for calculator-allowed items in grades 6–8 and 10
  - Calculators are not available for students in grades 3–5
- Expandable passages
- Color contrast
- Masking
- Mouse pointer (size and color)
- Print size (zoom in and zoom out)
- Translation-Spanish (Stacked) for mathematics, science, and social studies (for English learners)
- Highlighting text
- Mark for review

5. What types of items will be delivered on I AM?

I AM uses multiple-choice items. 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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