

To: Corporation Test Coordinators, School Leaders, Special Education Directors, and Educators

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Subject: Confirming Read Aloud Deployment for Indiana's Alternate Measure (I AM)

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) received questions regarding Indiana IEP (IIEP) designations and deployment in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). Students taking I AM have three options for deployment of the Text-to-Speech (TTS) accommodation:

1. **Text is read aloud to the student by a human reader using a reader's script.** Selecting this option indicates the student will test on paper with a standard print, large print, or braille form in lieu of TTS delivered by the computer platform.
2. **Text is read aloud to the student by a human reader using a reader's script for online format.** Selecting this option indicates the student will test online with a Human Reader in lieu of TTS delivered by the computer platform.
3. **Text is read aloud to the student via the computer platform.** Selecting this option indicates the student will test online and items will be read aloud using TTS functionality.

Currently, IIEP will allow schools to select multiple options. Schools should confirm only one option is selected to ensure the proper administration of I AM. In the meantime, IDOE has implemented the following logic in the nightly data feed:

Selected in IIEP	Result in TIDE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text is read aloud to the student by a human reader using a reader's script• Text is read aloud to the student by a human reader using a reader's script for online format• Print accommodation (standard print, large print, or braille form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text is read aloud to the student by a human reader using a reader's script• Print accommodation (standard print, large print, or braille form)
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As a reminder, Test Administrators (TAs) must confirm all student accommodations in TIDE prior to administering the I AM assessment. If you have questions about accommodations for I AM, please contact Karen Davies at kdavies@doe.in.gov or 317-232-2079.