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TO: Superintendents, High School Principals, Corporation Test Coordinators (CTCs), School Test Coordinators (STCs), High School Guidance Counselors
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment
RE: 2020-2021 ISTEP+ Grade 10 Retest Participation Requirements
DATE: July 13, 2020

ISTEP+ Grade 10 Retest participation requirements are updated for school year 2020-2021. In order to fulfill requirements from the United States Department of Education (USED), Indiana will utilize the ISTEP+ Spring 2021 Retest as the 2020-2021 high school accountability assessment. All students in cohort 2022 (including foreign exchange students) are required to participate in the ISTEP+ Spring 2021 Retest, regardless of any previous test attempts (i.e., Winter 2020 Retest participation). Students in cohorts 2019-2021 may still participate in the Spring 2021 Retest, and their scores will not be incorporated into school accountability calculations.

All ISTEP+ Retest administrations continue to serve as opportunities for students to fulfill their Graduation Qualifying Examination requirement for high school graduation as needed. Schools may work with students locally to determine the best way to fulfill assessment-related graduation requirements, remembering that students must participate in ISTEP+ Retest once annually in order to qualify for a graduation waiver, if needed.

Students who participate in either ISTEP+ Retest administration must complete both Part 1 and Part 2 of the assessment during the published test window. Part 1 test attempts from canceled Spring 2020 administrations cannot be combined with 2020-2021 test attempts to calculate a valid overall score.

Contact Mary Williams, Senior Assessment Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education (mwilliams@doe.in.gov, 317-234-5602) or the Office of Student Assessment (INassessments@doe.in.gov, 317-232-9050) with questions about ISTEP+ Retest participation.