

Which Students Should Take the ILEARN Biology ECA?

Students Who Planned to Test in Spring 2020: As the Office of Student Assessment (OSA) communicated in early August, the U.S. Department of Education waived Indiana testing requirements for all students in spring 2020, including those students who planned to participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA during the spring 2020 test window. Moving forward, these students are not required to participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA.

Students Receiving Remote Instruction: Some students completing the high school biology course may not be able to participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA during the upcoming fall window (November 30 – December 17) if receiving remote instruction. Since student participation in the ILEARN Biology ECA is a federal requirement for Indiana schools, schools should administer this assessment to students during the next possible test window.

All Other Students Completing the Biology Course: Students who completed the high school biology course this fall must participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA during the current test window. Please review the [2020-2021 ILEARN and I AM ECA Participation Guidance](#) for more details.

Don't Forget the Test Administrator's Manuals (TAMs)!

As noted in recent listservs, there are two available TAMs for the ILEARN Biology ECA. In addition to the standard [ILEARN Biology ECA TAM](#), OSA published the [ILEARN Biology ECA TAM with Spanish Scripted Instructions](#), which features Spanish “SAY” text for Test Administrators (TAs) when administering the Spanish version of the assessment to students. If you haven't already done so, be sure to provide the appropriate TAM to your TAs before students begin testing.

Looking Ahead: Upcoming Program Milestones

Please note these dates related to test materials processing, reporting, and the rescore request process:

Date	Milestone Event	Notes and Action Steps for Schools
November 17 - December 4	Additional Orders (AO) Window	Schools must submit orders in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) for any regular print, large print, braille, and/or Spanish test books for students with new or updated accommodations.
November 30 - December 24	Invalidations and Discrepancy Resolution	Schools should invalidate tests and/or resolve discrepant records from paper test attempts in TIDE as necessary.
December 17	Last Day to Ship Paper Materials	Schools must ship all assessment books to Measurement, Inc. on or before this date to ensure materials can be scored. Materials received after this date will not be scored.
January 11, 2021	Preliminary Results	Scores will populate in the Online Reporting System (ORS). Schools must promptly communicate results to parents of students who tested.
January 11-22, 2021	Rescore Request Window	Schools manage the rescore request process during which schools and parents can request a rescore for any open-ended items on the ILEARN Biology assessment. Review the 2020-2021 ILEARN Rescore Request Guidance (PDF) and the ILEARN Rescore Request Overview (video) as you plan for this process at your school.