



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

TO: Indiana State Board of Education
FROM: Robin LeClaire, Director of Teaching and Learning
Mary Williams, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning
RE: 2021-2022 Formative Assessment Grant: Initial List of Assessment Programs
Recommended for Approval
DATE: June 2, 2021

Indiana Code 20-32-5.1-17 requires the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) to approve at least two (2) benchmark, formative, interim, or similar assessments for use with Indiana's Formative Assessment Grant. These assessments must, by law:

- Show alignment, verified by a third party, to one of the following:
 - Indiana's academic standards
 - A subset of Indiana's academics standards for grades K-2 (focusing on literacy or numeracy)
 - Indiana's selected college entrance exam for grades 8-10 assessments
- Provide predictive study results for student performance on the statewide assessment
- Enter into a data share agreement with the department

In spring 2021, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) convened a committee of Indiana school leaders to review benchmark, formative, interim, and similar assessment programs for required criteria. Technical validity, reliability, accessibility, and usefulness of scoring and reporting were also considered. All assessment vendors were invited to participate in the [public request for approval process](#). All submitted assessment programs were evaluated impartially by educator committee according to the published [Criteria and Evaluation Rubric](#). These published criteria establish a high standard for approved assessment programs to ensure that schools and students receive trustworthy and useful data that support remediation efforts and differentiated instruction for students throughout the school year.

Additional reviews for grades K-2 and grades 8-10 (based on updates to legislation) are occurring in June 2021. Schools and corporations require advance notice of program approvals in order to plan ahead for assessment implementation before the beginning of the school year. Therefore, the IDOE submits this initial list of assessment approvals to the SBOE for consideration. A final list to include any additional grades K-2 or 8-10 assessments will be submitted to the SBOE in July.

On behalf of the Formative Assessment Grant Committee, the IDOE is pleased to recommend the following assessment programs to the SBOE for approval for use with the 2021-2022 Formative Assessment Grant.

- Curriculum Associates, LLC: i-Ready Assessments
- Edmentum: Study Island
- NWEA: MAP Growth
- NWEA: MAP Suite
- NWEA: MAP Suite for Early Learners
- Voyager Sopris Learning: ClearSight*

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