



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana School Superintendents, Principals, and Educators

From: Lynn Schemel, Director of Assessment

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Subject: Naturalization Examination (IC 20-30-5-7(d))

Background:

Each student enrolled in a U.S. Government course where credit is awarded for General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, or Core 40 with Technical Honors designation is required to take the naturalization examination provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as administered by the student's high school. U.S. Government courses include Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual credit, and Cambridge International courses. Students do not need to pass the naturalization examination in order to pass the U.S. Government course. Retests are not required or published in the results.

Indiana Code 20-30-5-7(d) requires, not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November 1 each year thereafter, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to report student data from the naturalization examination to the Indiana General Assembly.

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, schools are required to report the following information via [JotForm](#) each semester or trimester during which students are enrolled in the U.S. Government course.

- (1) The number of students who took the naturalization examination,
- (2) The number of students who passed the naturalization examination by a score of not less than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt, and
- (3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the students who participated.

The school must also post results from the naturalization examination to the school's website.

Test Materials and Process:

General information regarding the naturalization examination can be found [here](#). The 2020 naturalization examination contains [128 items](#). Students participating in the naturalization examination complete 20 of the 128 items. These items are presented orally by the U.S. Government instructor. The U.S. Government instructor is responsible for selecting the 20 items to present to students. A student score of 60 percent (12/20) is considered passing on the student's first attempt. The total number of students, student scores, and student passing rates are collected at the school level for each semester or trimester the course is offered. Each school will determine its own data collection method. A school or corporation representative must complete the JotForm.

Please contact the Office of Student Assessment via email at INassessments@doe.in.gov or via phone 317-232-9050 with questions.