



ILEARN Blueprints

U.S. Government

(Beginning 2018–19 School Year)

Blueprints serve as a foundational resource in the assessment development process. Blueprints specify the proportionality of how ILEARN assesses the Indiana Academic Standards, including the relative range of each standard on the assessment as represented in the minimum and maximum number of items to be administered to each student.

The Department recruited Indiana educators to inform the development of the blueprint in February 2018. These educators represented different regions of the state, diverse student populations, and content and accessibility expertise. Panels of subject area teachers convened at each grade level, recommended the priorities and associated item ranges noted within the blueprints. For United States Government, educators emphasized the importance of document-based questions that require students to engage with the arguments and claims articulated in foundational documents in American government, such as influential works of political theory, founding-era documents, and notable Supreme Court rulings.

ILEARN Social Studies will be a fixed form assessment. The blueprints specify the number of operational items students will be administered overall, as well as by reporting category and standard.

Overview

The columns of the blueprints highlight key features of test design including: reporting categories, Indiana Academic Standards, standard allocations (number of minimum and maximum items per standard), reporting category allocations and the total operational items possible.

Reporting Category:

A broad domain or segment of the subject area identified by educators as meaningful sets of interrelated standards. Reporting categories are broad to allow for individual level reporting of student performance. In many cases, the reporting category combines two or more domains that are considered related, as indicated by educators. The reporting category column also includes the overall percentage of the assessment characterized by the specific category.

Standard:	The Indiana Academic Standard category code is noted. The full language of the standard can be accessed at https://www.doe.in.gov/standards .
Standard Item Range:	The allocation defines the item range possible for that standard. For adaptive assessments in ELA and Mathematics, a standard with a range that starts at zero indicates that not every student will be assessed on the standard. However, the standard will be assessed at the aggregate level. For fixed form assessments, a standard with a range that starts at zero indicates that standard may not be assessed each year.
Standard Percentage of Test:	The allocation defines the percentage of the test for each standard and corresponding reporting category.
Total Number of Items Possible:	The range for the total number of items possible on the assessment each year. Note: Field test items do not contribute to the operational points possible noted.

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Reporting Category	Standard	Standard Item Range		Standard % of Test		Reporting Category Item Range
		Min	Max	Min	Max	
Functions of Government (35–39%)	USG.1.1	1	2	2	4	19–21
	USG.1.2	1	2	2	4	
	USG.1.3	1	2	2	4	
	USG.1.4	1	2	2	4	
	USG.1.5	0	2	0	4	
	USG.1.6	0	1	0	2	
	USG.1.7	1	2	2	4	
	USG.1.8	1	2	2	4	
	USG.1.9	1	2	2	4	
	USG.2.8	1	2	2	4	
	USG.4.1	1	2	2	4	
	USG.4.2	0	2	0	4	
	USG.4.3	1	2	2	4	
	USG.4.4	0	1	0	2	
	USG.4.6	0	2	0	4	
	USG.4.7	0	2	0	4	
	USG.4.8	0	2	0	4	
	USG.4.9	0	1	0	2	
Historical Foundations of American Government (24–28%)	USG.5.1	1	2	2	4	13–15
	USG.5.2	1	2	2	4	
	USG.5.3	1	2	2	4	
	USG.5.5	1	2	2	4	
	USG.5.8	0	1	0	2	
	USG.2.1	1	2	2	4	
	USG.2.2	1	2	2	4	
	USG.2.3	1	2	2	4	

Institutions and Processes of Government (35–39%)	USG.3.1	1	2	2	4	19–21
	USG.3.10	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.11	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.12	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.13	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.15	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.16	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.17	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.18	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.19	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.2	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.20	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.21	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.3	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.4	0	1	0	2	
	USG.3.5	0	1	0	2	
	USG.3.6	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.7	1	2	2	4	
	USG.3.8	0	2	0	4	
	USG.3.9	0	2	0	4	
	USG.4.5	1	2	2	4	
	USG.5.4	1	2	2	4	
	USG.5.6	0	2	0	4	
	USG.5.7	1	2	2	4	
	USG.5.9	1	2	2	4	

Total Operational Items: 54