



## ILEARN and I AM End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) Participation Guidance

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) defined participation guidance for the ILEARN and I AM Biology and ILEARN U.S. Government ECAs that schools and corporations should consider prior to test administration for students completing biology and/or U.S. government coursework. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

### ILEARN Biology ECA

Students enrolled in the high school biology course must participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA upon completion of the course, regardless of their enrolled grade level (grades seven through 12).

- Students must participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA during one of the approved testing windows coinciding with course completion.
- Indiana educators designed this assessment to meet requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). As such, it is not designed to serve as the basis for or be used in calculating students' final course grades.

ILEARN Biology ECA Participation	
Students Who Should Participate	Students Who Should NOT Participate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students who have completed the high school biology course in recent years (2019 onward, except spring of 2020) and have not participated in the assessment</li><li>• Students who transfer from another state who have completed biology but have not participated in the state's high school science assessment for federal accountability</li><li>• Students enrolled in the high school biology course (includes AP biology) this year, following course completion</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students who have never enrolled in the high school biology course</li><li>• Students who have repeated the biology course or are participating in a second year of biology and have already taken the ILEARN Biology ECA</li><li>• Completed the high school biology course in the spring of 2020, as assessments were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic</li><li>• Participated in another state's high school science assessment for federal accountability</li><li>• Are over 18 years of age</li></ul>

## **I AM Biology ECA**

Students must complete the I AM Biology ECA once after the Biology Content Connectors have been taught, regardless of their enrolled grade level (nine-12). Information regarding the Biology Content Connectors can be found on IDOE's [Content Connectors webpage](#).

## **ILEARN U.S. Government ECA**

Students enrolled in the U.S. Government course may participate in the **optional** ILEARN U.S. Government ECA, available in the spring only. Indiana educators designed this assessment to serve as a final exam at the end of the U.S. Government course. Decisions regarding the use of results when calculating students' final course grades may be determined at the school or corporation level.

**Note:** Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-30-5-7, there is a legislative requirement for students taking the U.S. Government course at a public Indiana school to complete the Naturalization Examination. Public schools are required to report results, as outlined in this [memo](#).

## **Approved Testing Windows**

Course completion records are managed locally and inform which test windows are appropriate for students. Each paper-and-pencil test window closes one week prior to the online test window to ensure on-time reporting. You can identify the available test window dates on IDOE's [Assessment webpage](#).

## **Impact on Schools and Students**

- Participation in the ILEARN or I AM Biology ECA fulfills a federal reporting requirement for Indiana schools.
- Passing scores on ILEARN ECAs are **not** required for high school graduation.
- ILEARN ECA results are not incorporated into school accountability determinations.

## **Additional Notes**

- There are **no** retest opportunities for the ILEARN or I AM ECAs.
- ILEARN ECAs: Corporations must submit orders in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) for any accommodated (e.g., paper-and-pencil) test forms during the appropriate additional order window, as needed.

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