



## Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

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**TO:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Dr. Charity Flores, Chief Academic Officer  
Mary Williams, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation  
**RE:** 2021-2022 Formative Assessment Grant: Final List of Assessment Programs  
Recommended for Approval  
**DATE:** July 14, 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.

The SBOE approved a preliminary list of assessment programs in June 2021. These programs are listed below as a reference.

- 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\*

On behalf of the Formative Assessment Grant Committee, the IDOE is pleased to recommend two additional assessment programs to the SBOE for approval for use with the 2021-2022 Formative Assessment Grant. These recommendations follow the final committee reviews scheduled for the 2021-2022 program approval cycle.

- College Board: PSAT 8/9
- Amplify: mCLASS with DIBELS, (grades K-1 **only** as dyslexia screener)

*\*Previously available through Cambium Assessments, Inc.*