

Testing Program for East Allen County Schools

Section 1. General. There are three basic facts which justify teachers and school administrators in availing themselves of the results of test data:

1. Each pupil must do his/her own learning, thus his/her particular strengths, weaknesses, and needs should be known to the teacher.
2. There are individual differences in ability; thus, it is essential that the characteristics and abilities of each pupil be determined so that assignments and expectations of accomplishment will be suitable, reasonable, and proper.
3. Teachers are usually assigned to grades or subject levels attended by different pupils each year, thus it is highly desirable that teachers be provided with an efficient method of obtaining insight into the educational needs of the pupils so that constructive programs may be conducted.

Section 2. Systemwide Testing Program. The testing program within the East Allen County Schools may include the following appraisal instruments:

1. An ability test to be administered to kindergarten students to determine their readiness for learning;
2. Achievement tests to be administered at kindergarten and grades four (4) and five (5);
3. The Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) instruments to be administered at grades one (1), two (2), three (3), six (6), eight (8), nine (9), and eleven (11).

Section 3. Tests Administered by the Resource Teacher. The resource teacher, with written permission from the parents, may administer tests to determine a student's achievement level and learning style. The resource teacher may share the results of the tests administered with the student's teacher(s) to facilitate his/her progress in school.