

ISTEP+

Common questions about ISTEP+

- 2008 was a year of changes for ISTEP+. The link below covers many of the questions that parents and the public have about these changes.
<http://www.doe.in.gov/istep/docs/080807pr-ISTEP+changesFAQ.pdf>
- The spring ISTEP+ is divided into two sessions. The first session covers written responses in all subject areas tested. At most grade levels this includes a writing prompt, a response to a reading passage, and answers to multiple step math problems that require showing work and telling how the problem is solved. Additionally, in the grades that student take social studies and science they are asked to use tables, graphs, maps and other study aids to solve problems and write extended answers. The second ISTEP+ session at the end of April is in a multiple choice format in all subject areas tested in that grade.

Common questions about the GQE

- The class of 2011 is the last class required to take the GQE for graduation. Starting with the class of 2012 students must pass Algebra 1 and English 10 End of Course Assessments (ECA) to graduate from high school. ECA assessments are given at the end of each trimester and summer school. The following link answers many of the questions that parents and the public have about these changes.
<http://www.doe.in.gov/istep/docs/080807pr-GQEchangesFAQ.pdf>

Getting ISTEP+, GQE, and ECA Reports

- Since the fall of 2008 ISTEP+ reports have been available to parents online. As a courtesy, Richmond Community Schools sends a paper copy of the report to parents. Parents will have a record of student progress over time and suggestions of ways to help students improve with their online account. To access the information online parents need a password to the Parent Network. This is sent to parents when reports become available each year. In 2009 reports will become available at the end of August and in 2010 reports should be available at the end of the school year. More information about the Parent Network is available at the following link.
<http://www.doe.in.gov/istep/parentnetwork/index.html>

ISTEP+ Testing Dates	Start Date	End Date
• 2009 – 2010		
○ Fall GQE Retest	9/15/09	9/17/09
○ Spring GQE Retest	3/9/09	3/11/09
○ ISTEP+ Writing	3/1/10	3/10/10
○ ISTEP+ Multiple Choice	4/26/10	5/5/10
• 2010 – 2011		
○ Fall GQE Retest	9/14/10	9/16/10
○ Spring GQE Retest	3/8/11	3/10/11
○ ISTEP+ Writing	2/28/11	3/9/11
○ ISTEP+ Multiple Choice	4/25/11	5/4/11