

An Introduction to the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure:

Working with Pearson and the Indiana Department of Education

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Program Background

Spring 2010

- REPA (Rules for Educator Preparation and Accountability) revised teacher licensing structure

Summer – Fall 2010

- IDOE contracted with the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson to develop Educator Standards to support REPA
- Standards are:
 - Grounded in scientifically based research
 - Aligned with Indiana Academic Standards, Indiana CORE Standards, and Common Core State Standards
 - Development report available on IDOE website



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Program Background (cont.)

Spring 2011

- IDOE selected Evaluation Systems group of Pearson as contractor to develop and administer the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure
- The IDOE and Pearson worked together to develop customized tests
 - Based on the unique needs and requirements of Indiana
 - Aligned with Indiana educational standards and practices
 - Reflective of knowledge and skills required for effective teaching in Indiana
 - Accurate and valid
 - Free from bias



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Assessments

- Entry into Educator Preparation
 - Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA)
 - One means of demonstrating basic skills competency
 - Three subtests: Reading, Mathematics, Writing
- Licensure Assessments
 - Developmental (pedagogy) area assessments
 - Based on School Setting Developmental Standards
 - Early Childhood Education (P–3)
 - Elementary Education (K–6)
 - Secondary Education (5–12)
 - P–12 Education
 - Content area assessments
 - Based on Indiana content area educator standards
 - Over 50 licensing areas



Test Development Goals

- Criterion-referenced tests
- Content defined by Indiana Educator Standards
- Content validity
- Free from bias
- Reflect Indiana practice
- Involve Indiana educators



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Overview of Test Development Process

- Prepare Assessment Blueprints
- Develop Test Materials
- Indiana Review of Test Materials
 - Item Review
 - Marker Response Selection
- Pilot Test Items
 - Include Indiana candidates
- Standard Setting
 - Involve Indiana teachers and teacher educators
 - IDOE recommends passing standard to State Board of Education
 - State Board of Education sets passing standard



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Prepare Assessment Blueprints

Assessment blueprints:

- Describe content measured on each assessment
- Taken directly from REPA standards
- Guide test development
- Provide information to candidates
- Help educator preparation faculty



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Educator Standards

School Setting Developmental Standards—Secondary Education

Standard 2: Learning Processes

Teachers at the secondary level have a broad and comprehensive understanding of learning processes and demonstrate the ability to facilitate student achievement, including:

- 2.1** knowledge of major theories and concepts related to the learning process, and the ability to apply this knowledge to enhance student learning in varied educational contexts, including project-based learning contexts
- 2.2** processes by which students construct meaning and acquire skills, including critical- and creative-thinking skills, and the ability to facilitate these processes for students with diverse characteristics and needs
- 2.3** knowledge of how student learning is influenced by different types of instructional practices and teacher behaviors, and the ability to use this knowledge to promote learning for all students
- 2.4** procedures for making instruction rigorous and relevant to students and for linking new learning to students' experiences and prior knowledge, and the ability to use these procedures to facilitate student learning



Assessment Blueprints

Indiana Educator Licensure Program

Field 006: Secondary Education

Assessment Blueprint

Domain I—Student Development and Diversity

0001 Student Development and Diversity (Standard 1)

Domain II—Learning Processes and Environments

0002 Learning Processes (Standard 2)

0003 Learning Environment (Standard 5)

Domain III—Instruction and Assessment

0004 Instructional Planning and Delivery (Standard 3)

0005 Assessment (Standard 4)



Program Website



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Indiana CORE Assessments website. At the top left is the logo for Indiana CORE Assessments for educator licensure. To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with links: Home, Tests, Prepare, Register, Get Results, Policies, and Faculty Resources. Further right is a search bar with the text "Select a category..." and a "Find Info" button. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image showing a smiling teacher interacting with three young students. To the right of the banner is a section titled "Important Announcements" with three entries: "Dec 3 Registration is now open for the developmental and content area assessments. Read more.", "Nov 6 Informational flyer for the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure program now available.", and "Oct 7 CASA retake policy is now 30 days. Read the policy." Below the banner is a section titled "Tests" with the text "Find information about each test, including when and where you can test." To the right of the "Tests" section is a "Log In Now" button. Below the "Tests" section are two columns: "Prospective Candidates" with links for "What tests do I need to take?", "Test dates and sites", and "Preparation materials"; and "Returning Visitors" with links for "View/change registrations", "The day of the test", and "View scores and testing history". To the right of these columns is a section titled "Preparation Materials" with the text "Study materials are available for every test; practice tests are available for some fields." and an image of a tablet and a calculator.

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Tests
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- Oct 7** CASA retake policy is now 30 days. [Read the policy.](#)

Returning visitors: log in to access your account. [Log In Now](#)

Prospective Candidates
Quick links to program essentials to start you on your way:

- What tests do I need to take?
- Test dates and sites
- Preparation materials

Returning Visitors
Quick links for candidates who have already registered to test:

- View/change registrations
- The day of the test
- View scores and testing history

Preparation Materials
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Candidate Registration



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Account Information

Please provide the following information to create your account.

Email Address:

Confirm Email:

Password:

Your password must be between 6 and 30 characters and must contain at least one letter and one digit and cannot contain spaces nor any of the characters "&=" "<>\"[\"].

Confirm Password:

Security Question:

Security Answer:

Your answer to your security question must be between 4 and 128 characters.

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Confirm Password:

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Your answer to your security question must be between 4 and 128 characters.

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Personal Information

Please provide the following information to create your account.
Enter your full legal name exactly as it appears on your government-issued identification.

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

Address Line Two:

City:

State/Province/Region:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

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Personal Information

Please provide the following information to create your account.
Enter your full legal name exactly as it appears on your government-issued identification.

First Name:	<input type="text" value="Joe"/>
Middle Initial:	<input type="text" value="T"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Examinee"/>
Mailing Address:	<input type="text" value="123 Main Street"/>
Address Line Two:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text" value="Anytown"/>
State/Province/Region:	<input type="text" value="Indiana"/>
Zip/Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="40000"/>
Country:	<input type="text" value="United States"/>
Daytime Phone:	<input type="text" value="5555555555"/>
Evening Phone:	<input type="text" value="5555555555"/>

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Please review your personal information.

Email Address: jexaminee@gmail.com

First Name: Joe

Middle Initial: T

Last Name: Examinee

Mailing Address: 123 Main Street

Address Line Two:

City: Anytown

State: Indiana

Zip/Postal Code: 40000

Country: United States

Daytime Phone: 5555555555

Evening Phone: 5555555555



Please confirm that the information you have entered is correct.

Warning - An incorrect name could result in

- an incomplete score report that does not reflect your scores for all of the tests you have taken;
- incomplete information or no information being transmitted to your district and/or your college/university;
- your not being able to access your registration information or scores online.

Failure to provide this information correctly may also delay or jeopardize the issuance of a credential to you.

☒ I have reviewed the personal information above and it is correct.

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Account Information

Customer Number: 80001251

Name: Joe Examinee

Email: jexaminee@gmail.com

Address:

123 Main Street

Anytown, Indiana 40000

United States

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Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA)

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Developmental (Pedagogy) and Content Area Tests

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Required Candidate Information



The following information is required to register to test and to access test results.

Social Security Number:

Enter last 5 digits of SSN

If you live in Canada and have a social insurance number but not a U.S. social security number, enter your social insurance number.

Confirm SSN:

Date of Birth:



Gender:



Female



Male



Undeclared

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1. Required Candidate Information
2. Review Required Candidate Information



Review Required Candidate Information

Please review the information provided.

Social Security Number: XXX-X9-9999

Date of Birth: 1/1/1990

Gender: Male



Please confirm that the information you have entered is correct.

Warning - An incorrect name, social security number, and/or date of birth could result in

- an incomplete score report that does not reflect your scores for all of the tests you have taken;
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Identity Confirmation

Because of laws protecting confidentiality and privacy, only you can register yourself for the test or make inquiries regarding your registration status.

☒ I am the person who will be taking the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure.

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Test Selection

At a single test administration you may take one test or, for tests with subtests, any allowable combination of subtests.

Test	Options
Select the test or subtest(s) you would like to take. <input type="button" value="v"/>	

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Test Selection

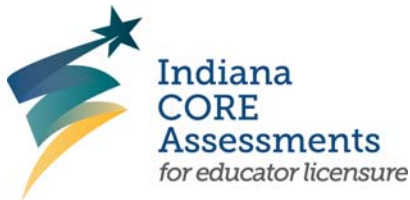
At a single test administration you may take one test or, for tests with subtests, any allowable combination of subtests.

Test	Options
Select the test or subtest(s) you would like to take. 	
Elementary Education	Remove

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Alternative Testing Arrangements



Examinees with documented physical, learning, or cognitive disabilities, or for whom English is not a primary language, may be eligible for alternative testing arrangements.

For information about policies and guidelines and about how to complete and submit the Alternative Testing Arrangements Request Form, [read more here](#).

Do you plan to submit a request for alternative testing arrangements?

- ☐ No, I do not plan to request alternative testing arrangements.
- ☐ Yes, I plan to request alternative testing arrangements.

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Test Date and Location



When registering for a computer-based test, you will schedule your test appointment—by selecting a test date, testing time, and test center—**after** completing the registration and payment process.

The tests you have selected can be scheduled within the following range(s) of dates:

Test(s)	First Date	Last Date
Elementary Education	December 17, 2013	December 17, 2014

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Background Questions

Scores via Email

Do you wish to have your score report sent to your email address, as a PDF attachment?

Scores via Email selection

- ☒ Yes, send my score report via email.
- ☐ No, do not send my score report via email.

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Background Questions

Ethnicity

What is your ethnicity?

Ethnicity selection
<input type="radio"/> African American/Black (not of Hispanic origin)
<input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native
<input type="radio"/> Asian or Pacific Islander
<input type="radio"/> Hispanic
<input type="radio"/> White (not of Hispanic origin)
<input type="radio"/> Multiracial
<input type="radio"/> Other
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Decline to answer

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Background Questions

Highest Education Level

What is the highest education level you will have attained prior to testing?

Highest Education Level selection	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>

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Background Questions

College Grade Point Average

What is your cumulative undergraduate grade point average to date or, if you have graduated from college, your final undergraduate grade point average (based on a system in which 4.00 = A)?

College Grade Point Average selection
<input type="radio"/> 3.50 – 4.00
<input type="radio"/> 3.00 – 3.49
<input type="radio"/> 2.50 – 2.99
<input type="radio"/> 2.00 – 2.49
<input type="radio"/> 1.50 – 1.99
<input type="radio"/> Under 1.50
<input type="radio"/> Decline to answer

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English Language Proficiency

Is English your best language of communication?

English Language Proficiency selection

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Decline to answer

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Reason for Testing

Which of the following best describes your reason for testing?

Reason for Testing selection	
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Background Questions

Note: In addition to the Indiana Department of Education, your test results for the test(s) for which you are registering will be released to the Indiana institution that you indicate in response to this question. The purpose of providing institutions with test results is to give them an opportunity to review their educator preparation programs in light of candidate performance and to make any modifications or changes to the programs that might be indicated as necessary by the test data.

Educator Preparation Training

Where have you received the majority of your educator preparation training?

Educator Preparation Training Institution	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="▼"/>

Other Institution	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="▼"/>

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Licensure Route

Which of the following best describes your route to licensure?

Licensure Route selection	
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Score Reporting Options

Additional College or University to Receive Your Results

In addition to the Indiana Department of Education, you may indicate up to three Indiana colleges or universities to receive your test results. Your test results will be reported to each institution as indicated. Please note you do not need to identify the Indiana institution you indicated as your educator preparation program, if any, since that program will automatically receive your test results.

Additional College or University to Receive Your Results selection	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>

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Review Registration

Test(s)	Elementary Education	Change
Alternative Testing Arrangements	No	Change
Background Questions	Scores via Email: Yes, send my score report via email. Ethnicity: White (not of Hispanic origin) Highest Education Level: 3 years of college College Grade Point Average: Decline to answer English Language Proficiency: Yes Reason for Testing: I am currently enrolled in an Indiana educator preparation program. Educator Preparation Training: Indiana University Bloomington Licensure Route: Traditional route via an IDOE-approved preparation program	Change
Score Reporting Options	Additional College or University to Receive Your Results: No Response	Change

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Description	Actions	Price
Registration	Remove	
Elementary Education		\$114.00
Total:		\$114.00

Available Preparation Materials

IN Elementary Education Practice Test	\$29.95	Add To Cart
Learn more about preparation materials		

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Agreement

In order to register for a test, you must acknowledge that you have had adequate opportunity to review the rules and policies that apply to Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure registration and testing and agree to abide by them. These rules and policies are contained on the current program website and in the applicable Rules of Test Participation, which are presented below for your review.

Rules of Test Participation for the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure

By registering for the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure, you are agreeing to abide by these Rules of Test Participation and all rules and requirements specified or referenced on the current program website and communicated to you, orally and/or in writing, at each test administration for which you have registered.

A nondisclosure agreement will be presented to you on the computer after you sign in at the test center. It will ask you to indicate your agreement to the conditions set forth on the current program website, including the Rules of Test Participation for the Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator

☐ I acknowledge that I have had adequate opportunity to review, to my satisfaction, the instructions, rules, policies, and other terms and conditions that apply to Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure registration and testing, which are contained on the current program website and in the applicable Rules of Test Participation provided above for my review, and I agree to abide by the conditions set forth on the program website, including the Rules of Test Participation, and by the rules communicated to me orally or in writing at the test administration.

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2. Payment
3. Review Order

Payment

Description	Price
Registration	
Elementary Education	\$114.00
Enter a voucher	
Total:	\$114.00

Withdrawal/Refund Policy

If after registering for a test you wish to withdraw your registration, you may do so according to the following procedure:

If you have not yet scheduled your test: Submit a withdrawal request through your account.

If you have already scheduled your test:

1. First, cancel your test appointment at least 24 hours before your scheduled testing time. To cancel your appointment, log in to your account, click "Reschedule," and follow the instructions provided.
2. After cancelling your test appointment, submit a withdrawal request through your account.

If you withdraw your registration before you have scheduled your test appointment or if you cancel your test appointment at least 24 hours before your scheduled testing time and then withdraw your registration, you will receive a full refund of your test fee. Your refund will be issued by Evaluation Systems within four weeks of your request.

If you are absent from the test, you will not receive a refund or credit of any kind.

☒ I acknowledge that I have had adequate opportunity to review, to my satisfaction, the policies related to withdrawals and refunds stated above.

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Cardholder Name

CC Number



Exp Date Month Year

Address

Address Line 2

City/Town

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

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Review Order

Description	Price
Registration	
Elementary Education	\$114.00
Total:	\$114.00

Payment Method

Card Number: XXXXXXXXXXXX1111

Exp. Date: 2016-1-31

Charges for this order will appear as "Eval Systems Test Fee" on your credit card statement.

Submit Order

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Next Steps

Dear Joe Examinee,

Thank you for your order. Your order details are listed below and have also been added to your account.



Schedule Your Test

You may schedule the date, time, and location of your test appointment by selecting "schedule" on the [current registrations](#) page of your account.



Print Your Receipt

Your transaction details, including any access codes, if applicable, have been emailed to you and have also been added to your account. You may wish to print this page as your receipt for this order.

Order Number: 1508000025161

Order Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:23 PM Central Time

Description	Amount
Elementary Education	\$114.00
Credit card payment	(\$114.00)
Balance due:	\$0.00

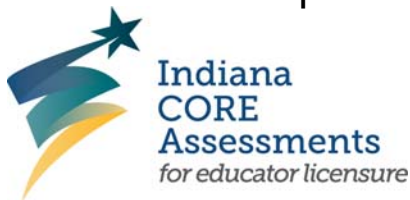


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Registration and Test Administration

- 100% Computer-Based Testing
 - Registration via the program website
 - Convenient access
 - Register up to 24 hours before taking the test
 - Reschedule up to 24 hours before test appointment
 - Cancel up to 24 hours before test appointment for a full refund
- Test Centers
 - CASA
 - Educator preparation programs & Ivy Tech campuses
 - Developmental (pedagogy) & content area tests
 - Pearson VUE & Pearson Authorized Test Centers in Indiana & nationwide
 - Over 225 test centers throughout United States and its territories, plus selected sites worldwide



Registration and Test Administration (cont.)

- Test Session
 - Test session length varies by field
 - Information for each field is provided on the program website
 - Test length designed to allow candidates to take the entire test during one test session
 - All tests contain multiple-choice questions
 - Select fields include constructed-response items



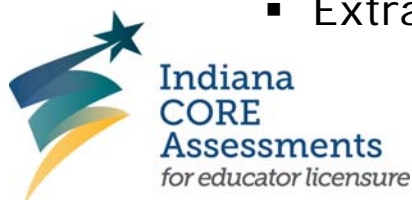
Registration and Test Administration (cont.)

- Assessments Using a Subtest Model
 - Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA)
 - Reading subtest
 - Mathematics subtest
 - Writing subtest
 - Early Childhood Generalist & Elementary Education Generalist
 - Subtest 1: Reading and English Language Arts
 - Subtest 2: Mathematics
 - Subtest 3: Science, Health, and Physical Education
 - Subtest 4: Social Studies and Fine Arts
 - Fine Arts—Music
 - Fine Arts—General Music
 - Fine Arts—Instrumental Music
 - Fine Arts—Vocal Music



Registration and Test Administration (cont.)

- Customer Service
 - Phone support: Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. eastern time, excluding holidays
 - Toll-free number
 - Email via program website
 - Integrated Voice Messaging: 24 hours a day
- Testing Policies
 - Located on the website
 - Include:
 - Rules of Test Participation
 - Alternative testing arrangements
 - May be provided for examinees with disabilities who would not be able to take the test under standard conditions
 - Requests reviewed on a case by case basis
 - Extra time for individuals for whom English is not a primary language



Registration and Test Administration (cont.)

- Identification Policy
 - One piece of current, government-issued identification
 - Printed in English
 - Bearing photograph and signature
 - Student IDs are not accepted
 - Copies are not accepted
 - Candidates without proper ID will not be permitted to test
- Retake Policy
 - Candidates who do not pass may retake the test
 - Candidates must wait 30 days before retaking a test



Scoring and Reporting

- Score Reporting Schedule
 - MCQ-only assessments: within 10 business days
 - Assessments that include one or more constructed-response items: within 20 business days
- Candidate eReports
 - Minimum passing scores are set by the Indiana State Board of Education
 - Raw scores are converted to a scale of 100-300
 - Candidates must receive a scaled score of 220 to pass
 - All candidates receive total test score and domain-level feedback
 - Candidates who did not pass receive additional feedback in the form of a Detailed Performance Analysis



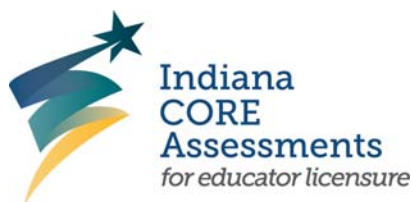
Constructed-Response Assignments (Holistic Scoring)

- Scoring Constructed-Response Assignments
 - Focused holistic scoring
 - Focus on a set of performance characteristics approved by IDOE
 - Judge overall effectiveness of the response
 - Every response is assigned a score by at least two scorers on a 1–4 scale
 - Performance characteristics and scoring scales available on program website



Constructed-Response Assignments (cont.)

- Scorer Qualifications
 - Public or private school teachers licensed in a relevant field
 - Individuals with college-level teaching experience in a relevant field
 - Individuals with a relevant bachelor's (or advanced) degree in a relevant field who have taught at the college or secondary level
- Scorer Orientation and Training
 - Calibrated to the score scale
 - Recalibrated before each scoring session
 - Scorers' performance is monitored



Institution and IDOE Reports

- Provided electronically (EducationReports.net)
- Designated score report contact at each institution
- ASCII file provided weekly
- *ResultsAnalyzer*[™] will be provided weekly



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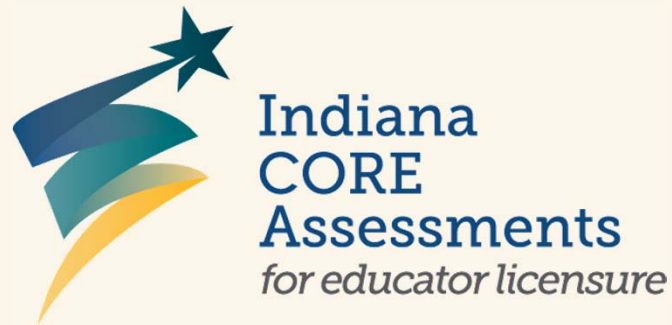
ResultsAnalyzer™

- Customize reports based on current data
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