

## ISTEP + Testing

The purpose of the *Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+)* program is to measure student achievement in the subject areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. In particular, ISTEP+ reports student achievement levels according to the Indiana Academic Standards that were adopted in November 2000 by the Indiana State Board of Education. An Applied Skills Assessment and a Multiple-Choice Assessment are used to measure these standards; they are required components of the ISTEP+ program.

Testing dates for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

*February 29-March 11* - Open-ended portion of ISTEP+ for grades 3-8

- *Grades 3 and 8 - E/LA and math*
- *Grades 4 and 6 - E/LA, math, and science*
- *Grades 5 and 7 - E/LA, math, and social studies*

*April 18-May 6* - Multiple-choice portion of ISTEP+ for grades 3-8

- *Grades 3 and 8 - E/LA and math*
- *Grades 4 and 6 - E/LA, math, and science*
- *Grades 5 and 7 - E/LA, math, and social studies*

Please try to avoid scheduling any appointments for students during these weeks. It is important for all students to be here and on time on these very important dates. Please make sure that your students have a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast.

If you would like more information about how to help your students, please contact your students' teacher.