



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals

CC: Test Coordinators

FROM: Dr. Michele Walker, Director
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RE: ISTEP+ Part 1 and IREAD-3 Mode Selection Tasks

The following information has been shared with Corporation Test Coordinators (CTCs), and is being provided as a courtesy to Superintendents and Principals. Please talk with your CTC if you have questions.

Important information regarding ISTEP+ and IREAD-3 mode selections and label sort order....

The Pearson system is now open for you to indicate mode selections (online or paper/pencil) for ISTEP+ Part 1 and IREAD-3. The window to make selections for Spring 2017 is **December 5-16, 2016**. Please **carefully review** the attached document [sent to CTCs] for directions regarding mode selections and note the following:

- Testing mode can be **either** paper or online **but not both** for a given grade and subject.
- If you indicate both paper and online for a given grade, the school will be recorded as using the paper testing mode, and you will receive paper testing materials.
- If you do not indicate either paper or online, the school will be recorded as using the online testing mode, and you will **not** receive paper testing materials.
- For online sites, paper accommodated testing materials are ordered separately. Watch for more details from the IDOE and Pearson.
- The Math assessments for ISTEP+ Part 1 are offered as paper and online test modes.
- ISTEP+ Part 2 is an online administration unless you are permitted by the IDOE to test paper-and-pencil.
 - *It is important to note that ISTEP+ Part 2 online vs. paper-and-pencil decisions are made after the local Infrastructure Trials, which occur December 5 – December 16. Watch for more details regarding ISTEP+ Part 2.*

Also included are directions for **label sort order** (paper/pencil barcode labels). This functionality was moved from the DOE-TL to Pearson’s system for 2016-17.

Superintendents and Principals, please note that online testing for ISTEP+ Part 1 and IREAD-3 are scheduled for all sites unless paper/pencil is selected during the December 5-16, 2016 mode selection window.