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ISTEP+ Grade 10 ELA, Math and Science Cut Score Recommendations

State Board of Education Meeting August 10, 2016

Indiana's Cut Score Setting Process

Interested educators approved by administrators; selected participants represent students across the state [Attributes:

geography (north/central/south);
type (urban/suburban/rural);
poverty level (high/low)]



Educators participate in cut score setting meeting



State Board of Education takes action on cut score recommendations and PLDs



recommendations and draft
Performance Level
Descriptors (PLDs*) with the
State Board of Education



Scoring and reporting of test results

*PLDs: Delineate knowledge, skills and abilities at each level—Pass+, Pass, Did Not Pass





Cut Score Setting Process

- Cut Score Setting Meeting
 - August 2-3, 2016
 - Process facilitated by vendor (Pearson)
 - Participants considered the Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) for *Did Not Pass, Pass, and Pass+.*
 - Participants studied "Ordered Item Booklets"
 - Items and score points arranged from least to most difficult
 - Based on student performance statistics from the assessments
 - Each participant set 3 rounds of bookmarks
 - Discussion occurred before and after each round; bookmarks always set as individuals
 - Panelists reviewed impact data after Rounds 2 and 3
 - After finalizing cut score recommendations, panelists reviewed
 PLDs and suggested any necessary revisions





Cut Score Setting Review

- Technical Reviewers
 - Dr. Gregory Cizek, Technical Advisory Committee Member
 - Wes Bruce, State Board of Education Advisor
- Observed the Cut Score Setting
 - Appropriate process facilitated by vendors
 - Content-based discussions and recommendations
- Formal TAC meeting with IDOE at end of process
 - Reviewed cut score setting process
 - Analyzed teacher recommendations and results
 - Confirmed the quality of the cut score setting process
 - Provided feedback and technical advice to the IDOE regarding cut score recommendations





ISTEP+ Grade 10 ELA, Math and Science: Recommended Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)





Recommended PLDs





ISTEP+ Grade 10 ELA, Math and Science: Recommended Cut Scores





Recommended Cut Scores: ELA





Recommended Cut Scores: Math





Recommended Cut Scores: Science





State Board Action Requested

Approval of Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

- For each assessment (ISTEP+ Grade 10 ELA, Math and Science)
 - Pass+
 - Pass
 - Did Not Pass

Approval of cut score recommendations

- ISTEP+ Grade 10 English/Language Arts
- ISTEP+ Grade 10 Mathematics
- ISTEP+ Grade 10 Science





Questions?

Thank You

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