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Dear Parent:

In Indiana, students in grades 3 through 8 will take the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus (ISTEP+). For spring 2010, the test measures English/language arts and mathematics at each grade level, as well as science at grades 4 and 6, and social studies in grades 5 and 7. ISTEP+ consists of two major components, the Multiple-Choice Assessment and the Applied Skills Assessment (open-ended). The Multiple-Choice and Applied Skills assessments are criterion-referenced and are designed to measure students' mastery of the Indiana Academic Standards. Sample items are available at www.doe.in.gov/istep.

ISTEP+ will be administered in two parts: the Applied Skills Assessments will be administered March 1 – March 10, and the Multiple-Choice Assessments will be administered April 26 – May 5. Please contact your child's teacher for specific testing schedules and times.

What can parents do to support students during testing?

- Make sure your child has plenty of sleep the night before.
- Provide a nutritious breakfast.
- Encourage your child to do his or her very best, but don't place too much emphasis on the test.
- Schedule appointments outside of the testing schedule.

If you would like more information regarding ISTEP+, visit the [ISTEP+ InfoCenter](#) on the Indiana Department of Education's website, or call 1-888-54-ISTEP.

Sincerely,

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Principal