



To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: 2026-2027 Naturalization Examination Requirements

Background:

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-30-5-7(d), each student attending a public school corporation enrolled in a U.S. government course where credit is awarded is required to take the naturalization examination provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), administered during the student's high school U.S. government course, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual credit, and Cambridge International courses. Students are not required to pass the naturalization examination in order to pass the U.S. government course. Retests are not required or published in the results.

IC 20-30-5-7(d) requires the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to report student data from the naturalization examination to the Indiana General Assembly annually.

Public school corporations must report the following information via this [JotForm](#) each semester or trimester during which students are enrolled in the U.S. government course. This information must be reported for the most-recent school year by June 30 annually. This reporting should include:

- (1) The number of students who took the naturalization examination;
- (2) The number of students who passed the naturalization examination by a score of no less than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt; and
- (3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination for the students who participated.

Test Materials and Process:

General information regarding the naturalization examination can be found [here](#). Students will participate in the most recent version, the [2025 naturalization examination](#), which contains 128 items. Students participating in the naturalization examination complete 20 of the 128 items. These items are presented orally by the U.S. government instructor. The U.S. government instructor is responsible for selecting the 20 items to present to students. A student score of 60% (12/20) is considered passing on the student's first attempt. The total number of students, student scores, and student passing rates are collected at the school level for each semester or trimester the course is offered. Each corporation will determine its own data collection method. A corporation representative must complete the [JotForm](#) by June 30, 2027. Although not legislatively required, non-public schools may also administer the naturalization examination and share results.

Please contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with additional questions.