

IREAD-3 • ILEARN • The Indiana SAT

Why This Guide Exists

Every year, thousands of Indiana families are caught off guard by state assessments — not because their children aren't smart, but because no one explained the tests clearly. This guide changes that. In plain language, we break down the three most important academic assessments your child will face in grades 3 through 12, what each one tests, what's at stake, and exactly how Soteria Leadership Consults prepares students to walk in with confidence.

3 Key Tests	Grades 3–12	Indiana Students	1 Guide
IREAD-3 ILEARN Indiana SAT	Covered completely	Served by Soteria	Everything you need

Test #1 — IREAD-3

Grade Level	Subject	Stakes	When Tested
3rd Grade Only	Reading	HIGH — Retention Possible	Spring (Feb–March)

What Is IREAD-3?

IREAD-3 stands for **Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination**. It is a state-mandated reading proficiency test given to all Indiana third graders, typically in the spring. The test measures whether students can read and understand grade-level text by the end of 3rd grade.

Why Does It Matter?

Indiana law requires that students who do not pass IREAD-3 be considered for **grade retention** — meaning they may repeat third grade. This is one of the highest-stakes tests in Indiana elementary school. Students who do not pass in the spring may take a retest in the summer before a final retention decision is made.

What Does IREAD-3 Test?

- Phonics and word recognition — decoding unfamiliar words
- Vocabulary — understanding word meanings in context
- Reading fluency — reading smoothly and accurately
- Reading comprehension — understanding what was read
- Literary and informational text — fiction and nonfiction passages

How Soteria Prepares 3rd Graders

Soteria Approach	What It Develops
Phonics-based reading sessions	Word decoding & fluency

Passage reading with guided questions	Comprehension & text analysis
Vocabulary building activities	Context clues & word meaning
IREAD-3 practice test simulations	Test familiarity & reduced anxiety
Weekly progress checks with parent updates	Accountability & early intervention

Test #2 — ILEARN

Grade Levels	Subjects	Stakes	When Tested
Grades 3–8	ELA, Math, Science, Soc. Studies	Moderate — School Accountability	Spring (April–May)

What Is ILEARN?

ILEARN stands for **Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network**. It replaced the ISTEP+ test in 2019 and is now Indiana's primary annual assessment for students in grades 3 through 8. ILEARN measures whether students are mastering Indiana Academic Standards and on track for success in future grades and careers.

What Does ILEARN Test?

Subject	Grades Tested	Key Skills
English Language Arts (ELA)	3–8	Reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary, literary analysis
Mathematics	3–8	Number sense, algebra, geometry, data analysis, problem solving

Science	4, 6, 8	Life, earth & physical science; scientific inquiry
Social Studies	5, 7	History, geography, civics, economics

Why Does It Matter?

ILEARN scores are used to evaluate school performance, guide teacher instruction, identify students who need additional support, and track whether Indiana students are meeting grade-level expectations. While ILEARN scores alone do not determine promotion or graduation, strong scores signal academic readiness and keep students on the right trajectory — especially heading into high school.

How Soteria Prepares Grades 3–8 Students

- ✓ Subject-specific tutoring aligned directly to Indiana Academic Standards (IAS)
- ✓ Targeted ELA support: reading strategies, writing skills, grammar and vocabulary
- ✓ Math tutoring by grade-level strand — from fractions in 4th grade to algebra in 8th
- ✓ Science and Social Studies content review in testing years (grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
- ✓ Practice sessions using ILEARN-style question formats (multiple choice, evidence-based selected response)
- ✓ Monthly progress reports shared with parents to track growth across all subjects

Test #3 — The Indiana SAT

Grade Levels	Subjects	Stakes	When Tested
Grades 9–12 (Administered in 11th)	Reading/Writing & Math	HIGH — Graduation Requirement	Spring (Grade 11)

What Is the Indiana SAT?

Indiana is one of a small number of states that uses the **SAT as its official state accountability test** for high school students. The Indiana Department of Education administers the SAT statewide to all 11th graders at no cost to families. This means the SAT is not just a college admissions tool in Indiana — it is a state graduation pathway requirement. Every student takes it, regardless of whether they plan to attend college.

What Does the SAT Test?

The SAT is divided into two main sections:

- **Reading and Writing (RW):** Reading comprehension, vocabulary in context, grammar, editing, and evidence analysis — 54 questions, 64 minutes
- **Mathematics:** Algebra, advanced math, problem solving, data analysis, geometry, and trigonometry — 44 questions, 70 minutes

Total score range: **400–1600**. Indiana uses the SAT as part of its graduation requirements — students who meet the score benchmark may qualify for the Indiana College Core diploma seal and demonstrate college readiness without additional assessments.

The Soteria Advantage for SAT Prep

Soteria's SAT prep program is one of the most comprehensive available in Indiana, designed specifically around the College Board's Digital SAT format:

Soteria SAT Feature	Details
20+ Full-Length Practice Tests	Digital SAT format with 200+ questions per test
Section-by-Section Coaching	Targeted Reading/Writing and Math skill building
Timed Test Simulations	Builds stamina and real test-day performance
Flashcard System	200+ vocabulary and math concept flashcards

Score Estimator Tool	Projects likely SAT score based on practice performance
Student Progress Dashboard	Parents and students track improvement over time
Study Schedule Builder	Personalized 8–16 week prep plans
Expert Tutoring Sessions	1-on-1 coaching for targeted weaknesses

Indiana Testing — At a Glance

Test	Grades	Subjects	Stakes	Soteria Support
IREAD-3	3rd Only	Reading	■ HIGH (Retention Risk)	✓ Specialized Reading Program
ILEARN	3–8	ELA, Math, Science, SS	MODERATE (School Accountability)	✓ Full Subject Tutoring
Indiana SAT	11th Grade (9–12 prep)	RW + Math	■ HIGH (Graduation Pathway)	✓ Comprehensive SAT Prep

Why Indiana Families Choose Soteria

Soteria Leadership Consults was founded on the belief that every student has greatness inside them — and that the right support, at the right time, can unlock it. Our tutoring and test prep programs are not one-size-fits-all. Every student receives a personalized approach built around their specific grade level, test, strengths, and growth areas.

Indiana-Specific Curriculum	State-Aligned Expert Tutors	Parent Transparency
Our curriculum is built around IREAD-3, ILearn3, and the Indiana State Academic Standards. We offer regular progress reports to keep parents informed and students accountable throughout the year.	Our tutors are trained by Soteria Leadership Consultants and are experienced in teaching the Indiana State Academic Standards. They provide individualized instruction and support to students.	Parents receive regular communication from their child's tutor and the Soteria Leadership Consultants team. We provide transparency into the student's progress and behavior.
Proven Results	Flexible Scheduling	Holistic Development
Soteria prep programs show measurable improvements in reading, math, and science scores. Our students are prepared for the challenges of high school and beyond.	We offer flexible scheduling options to accommodate students' needs. Sessions are available in-person or online, and at various times throughout the week.	Soteria focuses on the whole child, not just academics. We provide social skills training, emotional regulation strategies, and character education to help students thrive in all areas of life.

Ready to Give Your Child the Soteria Advantage?

Schedule a free 30-minute consultation and let us build a personalized success plan for your student.

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Programs Offered by Soteria

Program	Grades	Focus
IREAD-3 Intensive Prep	Grade 3	Reading fluency, phonics, comprehension — before spring testing
ILEARN Academic Tutoring	Grades 3–8	ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies — aligned to Indiana Standards
High School Academic Tutoring	Grades 9–12	Core subject support, study skills, academic confidence
SAT Prep Program	Grades 9–12	Full Digital SAT prep: Reading/Writing + Math, 20+ practice tests

SAT + ILEARN Bundle	Grades 6–8	Early SAT readiness combined with ILEARN subject mastery
Leadership & Life Skills	Grades 3–12	Character, confidence, and communication — the whole student

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