

## Web Sites to Inspect

*Note to Local Leagues:* As is commonly true with Internet resources, there are too many possibilities for quick examination. Here the committee has concentrated on sites treating mandated testing, but each person or group should feel invited to sample some of what you think will agree with your own beliefs and some of what you expect to challenge them. Only by considering “the indispensable opposition” can we clarify our own ideas and, ultimately, discover the truth.

### General:

Web site of your own public school corporation (various).

Indiana Department of Education, [www.doe.in.gov](http://www.doe.in.gov)

Indiana State Board of Education, [www.in.gov/sboe/](http://www.in.gov/sboe/)

Mind Trust Indianapolis, <http://www.themindtrust.org>

Indiana Charter School Board, [www.in.gov/icsb/](http://www.in.gov/icsb/)

Chalkbeat Indiana, [www.chalkbeat.org/in/](http://www.chalkbeat.org/in/)

[https://www.amle.org/portals/0/pdf/articles/Formative\\_Assessment\\_Article\\_Aug2013.pdf](https://www.amle.org/portals/0/pdf/articles/Formative_Assessment_Article_Aug2013.pdf)

This site explains formative and summative assessment.

### Background (especially covering school accountability, reform and testing):

[http://www.wl.k12.in.us/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=49&Itemid=106](http://www.wl.k12.in.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=49&Itemid=106)

This is a website of articles written by Dr. Killion, Superintendent of West Lafayette Community School Corporation.

<http://www.ed.gov/p-12-reform>

This is a website hosted by the US Department of Education with background on school reform.

<http://www.rand.org/topics/education-reform.html>

This is a website hosted by RAND Corporation, a non-profit policy research group.

<http://www.education.com/magazine/article/high-stakes-testing-pros-cons/>

This is an article on the pros and cons of high stakes testing.

<http://www.apa.org/pubs/info/brochures/testing.aspx>

This is an article published by the American Psychological Association on the appropriate use of testing.

<https://www.gse.upenn.edu/review/feature/supovitz>

This is an article by UPenn's Graduate School of Education on whether testing is working.

<http://edaccountability.org/>

This website has some good background on testing including a good statement on testing and accountability.

[http://leaguelafayette.org/Reports\\_interest.html](http://leaguelafayette.org/Reports_interest.html)

The League of Greater Lafayette has several resources regarding education available on their website.

**Sites offering “pro” and “con” views about high-stakes testing:**

<http://standardizedtests.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=001747>

<http://standardizedtests.procon.org/#background>

<http://www.ioxassessment.com/download/UsesandMisusesofStandardized> (pdf)

Summarizes uses and misuses of standardized tests.

<http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/Instruction/High-stakes-testing-and-effects-on-instruction-At-a-glance/>

Discusses standardized tests and their impact on schooling

<https://www.edreform.com/>

The Center for Education Reform supports school choice and accountability.

[https://secure.in.gov/icsb/files/Indiana\\_Students\\_and\\_Parents\\_Score\\_Biggest\\_Win\\_In\\_Legislative\\_Session.pdf](https://secure.in.gov/icsb/files/Indiana_Students_and_Parents_Score_Biggest_Win_In_Legislative_Session.pdf)

This press release by the State of Indiana illustrates some of the issues in our state.

<https://www.alec.org/issue/education/>

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is one of the drivers behind school reform and testing.

Pearson Learning, <http://www.pearsonlearningnews.com/>

Pearson took over ISTEP administration from McGraw-Hill in Indiana for the 2015-16 school year. Pearson also operates a group of online-learning schools.

<http://fairtest.org/arn/caseagainst.html>

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing has numerous articles available on high stakes testing.

Indiana Coalition for Public Education (ICPE), <http://www.icpe2011.com/>

Led by Indianapolis activist Dr. Victor Smith, this group works to maintain the viability of traditional public schools in Indiana

Network for Public Education (NPE), <http://networkforpubliceducation.org/>

Nationally-known education maven, Diane Ravitch, established this group after her conversion from agreeing with high-stakes testing to disagreeing completely with it.

**Indiana Education (General):**

**Data Driven**

[http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/choice/2014-2015-choice-scholarship-program-report\\_1.pdf](http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/choice/2014-2015-choice-scholarship-program-report_1.pdf)

PDF prepared by the Indiana Department of Education Office of School Finance 2015—“Choice Scholarship Program Annual Report: Participation and Payment Data”. This document provides data on participation eligibility and retention for voucher students.

<http://www.stats.indiana.edu/topic/education.asp>

STATINDIANA, Indiana’s Public Data Utility, provides data on various locations.

<http://www.stats.indiana.edu/topic/education.asp>

BALLOTPEDIA Public education in Indiana “Public policy in Indiana”

<http://inpea.org/>

Indiana Non-Public Education Association Home page for INPEA

<http://inpea.org/sample-page/factsstats/>

Indiana Non-Public Education Association “Facts and Stats”

<http://inpea.org/public-policy/school-choice/choice-scholarship-voucher-program/>

Indiana Non-Public Education Association “Choice Scholarship (Voucher) Program

### **General Educational websites, articles, and blogs**

[https://infogr.am/7\\_myths\\_about\\_school\\_choice](https://infogr.am/7_myths_about_school_choice)

Infogr.am 7 myths created by Andrea Zimmerman

<http://educationvotes.nea.org/2015/04/04/indiana-public-schools-losing-millions-to-voucher-program/>

National Education Association "EducationVotes: April 4, 2015 article on "Indiana Public Schools Losing Millions to Voucher Program"

<http://indianapublicmedia.org/stateimpact/tag/assessments/>

<http://indianapublicmedia.org/stateimpact/2016/03/10/istep-dead-version-stakes/>

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<http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html>

Education Week -- Education articles on education-related topics, not necessarily about Indiana

<http://neifpe.blogspot.com/>

Northeast Indiana Friends of Public Education – Blog spot

<http://www.chalkbeat.org/in/>

Indiana specific but part of a US education news organization