

Board of School Trustees Presentation

Assessments

April 27, 2015

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Agenda

- Benefits of Testing
- Legislated Use of Tests in Indiana
- History of Online Testing Implementation
- Year-Long Preparation for Electronic Test Delivery
- Stress and Practice Test Failures
- New Testing Schedule

Benefits of Testing

- Assess the learning growth of a student over the course of a school year
- Best practice to include formative and summative assessments and use the data to inform instruction
- Instruction and student learning has improved since instruction assessment became prevalent

Legislated Use of Tests in Indiana

- IREAD-3 (2012)
 - Reading test for all 3rd graders
 - Lists provision for retention if failed
 - Requires retest and remediation
- ISTEP+/ECA (Fall 1988, Spring 2009)
 - Proficiency and Growth scores influence
 - School grades
 - Labels of Focus/Priority Schools
 - Takeover status
 - Financial rewards
 - Exemptions from regulations
 - Results must influence teacher ratings
- Accuplacer (2014)
 - Participation for non-proficient ECA scores
 - Continued failure results in student ineligibility for state financial aide for remedial courses

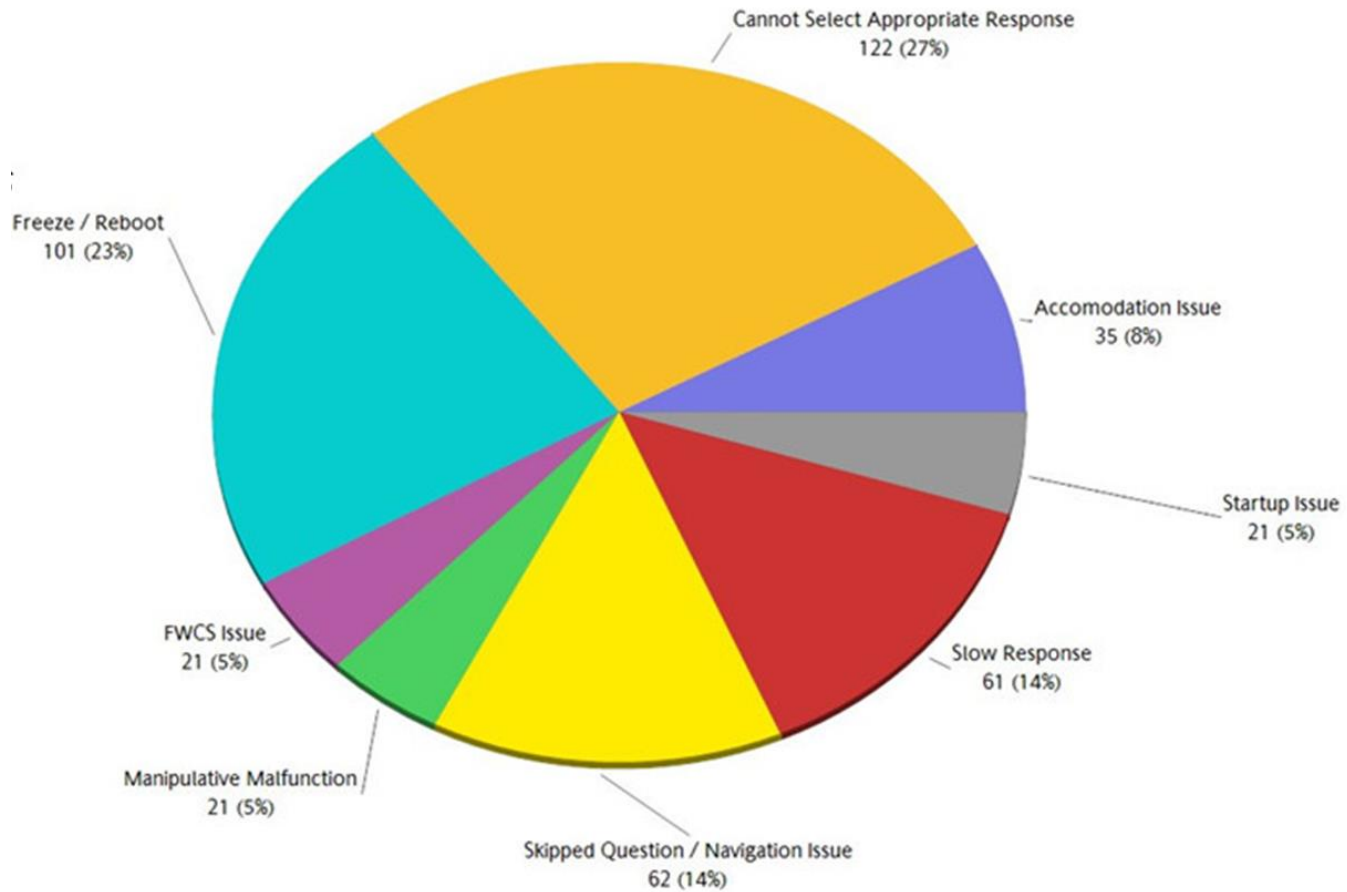
History of Online Testing Implementation

- 2012-13: Year of the spinning globe
- 2013-14: Requested paper/pencil tests due to pretest technology issues
- 2014-15: Requested paper/pencil tests due to continued problems in the testing program

Year-Long Preparation for Electronic Test Delivery

- Purchases
 - Hardware - \$72,625
 - Infrastructure
 - Bandwidth (2013) and wireless upgrade for testing and iPads (2012-2014) - \$940,000
- Man Hours
 - Format item training for teachers
 - Technology preparedness
 - Three mass installations (6,000 computers each time) due to new release of testing software
 - Changes in network configurations
 - Requested by CTB to help solve their issues
 - Two stress tests
 - Data collection of disruption
 - 2,500 technology failures reported and analyzed during Part 2 practice tests
- Planned and unplanned practice tests
 - Loss of instructional time

Stress and Practice Test Failures



New Testing Schedule

- Paper/Pencil Format
 - Material delivery window (April 27 – May 1)
 - Testing window (May 4 – May 15)
- Delay of Scores
 - Late Fall 2015
 - Cut scores will be set in July

Questions and Answers