

June 2, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The spring ISTEP+ includes questions on English and math at grades 3-8, science at grades 4 and 6 and social studies at grades 5 and 7. Two testing sessions occur each spring. ISTEP+ Applied Skills is given during annually in early spring. Applied Skills focus on students completing short answers or constructed response items in English, math, social studies and science. ISTEP+ Multiple Choice tests are given at the end of the year. These are online tests given to all 3rd - 8th grade students.

After scoring is completed, *parents may submit a request to the school to have a student's test rescored.* Information will be sent home after each testing term. A rescore can only be **submitted by the school** to the Department of Education **with a parent request.**

If your child has a DNP or Did Not Pass on a category such as English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, or Science, **you can request that the school ask the state to rescore your child's test.** We would especially encourage you to request a rescore if your child's score is within 5-10 points of attaining Pass or Pass+ status on any portion of the test.

\*\*\* This does **NOT** mean that your child will retake the test. \*\*\*

This means that a second consideration will be given to your child's test responses.

To inform us that you would like to request a rescore of your child's ISTEP+ test, you may:

- Mail your request to GMS in the envelope provided, **OR**
- Call Mrs. Jan Baker, Assistant Principal at 574.533.0391, ext 2707, **OR**
- Email Mrs. Baker – [jbaker@goshenschools.org](mailto:jbaker@goshenschools.org), **OR**
- Stop by the school to make your request.

School hours at GMS will be Mon-Thurs, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed Fridays).

**Rescore requests must be submitted by June 20, 2014.**

Thank you for considering a rescore of your child's ISTEP+ results.

Sincerely,

Lori Shreiner  
Principal