



Indiana Department of Education

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This monthly newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) combines new information, resources, and support for school finance professionals, serving all school types in a single location.

Legislative Guidance

2025 Legislative Guidance

Following the close of each legislative session, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) immediately begins working to implement newly-enacted legislation impacting K-12 education, which includes [compiling guidance](#) for schools and educators. This [guidance](#) is a product of robust cross-agency collaboration and partnership with countless stakeholders. This is an iterative document that will continue to be updated and improved in collaboration with educators.

Office of School Finance

Reminder: Form 9 Data

Form 9 financial data for the period of January to June 2025 may now be submitted. The deadline for Form 9 submissions is Thursday, July 31. The Form 9 application can be accessed via the [Link Portal](#). Once in the portal, the financial administrator will navigate to the “Form 9” tile. Please contact form9@doe.in.gov with any questions.

Choice Scholarship Program

Data Reminders:

The Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC) role should have been entered into DOE Online by July 1. Please reach out to choiceschool@doe.in.gov if you do not have access to DOE Online. School calendars must be entered into Data Exchange (DEX) prior to entering any student-level data. School calendars may be updated throughout the year so you will not be locked into dates by entering your school calendar in DEX. It is no longer necessary to wait until the first day of the school calendar to begin sending enrollment (SSA) records to DEX. IDOE began showing data that was provided to DEX on Tuesday, July 15.

The LINK Security Portal is now recognizing roles identified in both the prior and upcoming school years’ databases. Roles for the new school year are to be entered prior to Monday, September 1. This data may be provided directly from a school’s SIS. Staff not associated by this date will lose their access to IDOE systems. Prior year staff roles should not be removed. IDOE recommends roles be entered and managed in their local SIS; however, three options are available:

- Preferred option: Enter staff roles in the local student information system (SIS) per vendor’s instructions and send educator data for the new school year to IDOE.
- Add a staff role manually for the new school year via the Security Portal.
- Upload templates via Data Exchange.

School and Corporation Profile Amendment Window

The school and corporation profile amendment submission window for the 2024-2025 school year is open. In order to ensure IDOE maintains accurate information, all schools and corporations must provide notice when changes are made that affect school openings, closures, and reconfigurations. Information on the submission process can be found [here](#). Schools that have changes in grade configurations will not be able to access those grade levels in the student Choice application until the profile amendment has been approved through the Office of Accountability. Contact IDOE’s [Office of Accountability](#) with any questions.

Questions and Answers on Serving Children with Disabilities Placed by their Parents in Non-Public Schools in Indiana

The Office of Special Education, in collaboration with Dispute Resolution and the ADAC, have released a [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) document](#) to help address common questions regarding students with disabilities who have been parentally placed in non-public schools.

Choice School Application for the 2025-2026 School Year

The application for schools to apply to participate in the Choice Scholarship Program for the 2025-2026 school year is currently open. The packet of application materials is posted on the Choice Scholarship Program website and in the Non-Public School Community on Moodle. Schools should only submit their application to be a Choice school after the admission, tuition, fee, and discount policies are final. Accreditation must be through the State Board of Education (SBOE) or through an agency recognized by SBOE and must be in good standing for the entire 2025-2026 school year. A list of accrediting agencies recognized by SBOE is posted on the Accreditation [website](#). The deadline to apply to be a participating Choice school for the 2025-2026 school year is Monday, September 1.

Choice Student Application

The window to submit student Choice applications for Period 1 of the 2025-2026 school year is also currently open, and will remain open through Monday, September 1. The application is available to schools that have been approved for participation in Choice for the 2025-2026 school year.

New this year, the application must be accessed using the LINK portal, using the “Choice Scholarship” tile on the LINK dashboard (<https://apps.doe.in.gov/choice>). Only those with a LINK role of Superintendent, Principal, LEA Administrator, and/or School Administrator will be able to access the new Choice system. LINK roles are assigned by your school’s LINK Security Coordinator.

Monitoring Reports

Monitoring Reports were placed in your school’s folders on Thursday, July 17. If you are having trouble locating the report or your school’s Google folder, please reach out to your Choice Specialist or email choiceschool@doe.in.gov. July Monitoring Reports were the last reports for the 2024-2025 school year.

Office Hours

The next office hours session will be held on Tuesday, July 22. Each session begins on the half-hour, with the first session at 9 a.m. ET and the last session at 10:30 a.m. ET. The link to join is [here](#). Choice Office Hours information and the link to join is also posted in the Non-Public School Community in [Moodle](#).

Choice Annual Conference

The Choice Annual Conference was held on Wednesday, July 16, at Indiana Government Center- South. Thank you to all those who were in attendance. For those who were not able to attend, slides should be posted in Moodle by the end of the month.

Communications

- In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations, do not include both student name and STN in the same email.
- When sending email to your Choice specialist or to the Choice general email, include your school number and the general subject in the subject line.
- Weekly Choice announcements are sent through the Non-Public School Community (Moodle). If you are not receiving the notifications, check the preferences in your Moodle profile. If you have not joined the community, please do so. If you need assistance, contact your Choice Specialist or email ChoiceSchool@doe.in.gov.
- Information for all schools is published weekly in Dr. Jenner’s Weekly Update. Click [here](#) for previous editions and to be added to the mailing list.
- Choice program announcements are made each Friday in the Non-Public School Community in Moodle. If you have not yet joined this community, contact choiceschool@doe.in.gov for information on how to create an account and join.



Department News

- [6/4/2025 Indiana Education Leaders Kick Off Collaborative Process to Refocus School Accountability](#)
- [5/28/2025 Indiana Department of Education Announces 2024-2025 STEM Certified Schools](#)
- [4/2/2025 Governor Braun Announces New Partnerships Providing High School Students a Direct Path to Their Future](#)

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