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Teacher Newsletter

We know that real impact for students happens at the educator-level. We have seen time and again when teacher leaders are a catalyst for positive change in schools...whether that means creating new opportunities for students that did not previously exist...or forging connections with higher education institutions and employers that may bring to light career possibilities that a student would not have otherwise considered or imagined. You (our teachers!) are our difference-makers for students, and this newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is dedicated to elevating your work and providing new information and resources to help you as you support Indiana's students.

Educator Pipeline (Attract, Prepare, Retain)

Educator Profiles: Indiana Educator Job Board

IDOE's Office of Educator Talent encourages all educators and school employees to create a candidate profile in IDOE's [IN Educator Talent Marketplace](#). Access instructions for using the platform [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) team with any questions.

Indiana STEM Educator Expansion Program (I-STEM) Registration Now Available

IDOE has announced a partnership with Educational Service Centers of Indiana (ESCI) to strengthen Indiana's STEM educator pipeline. The I-STEM partnership provides support for both currently licensed teachers in non-STEM areas and prospective teachers who are not licensed and hold a bachelor's degree to become licensed in a STEM content area. IDOE has identified eligible STEM content areas as life science, chemistry, earth/space science, physics, physical science, computer science, technology education, and mathematics. Click [here](#) to learn more and register. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

Literacy and STEM Support

Public Comment for Draft Content Connectors Open Through Friday, February 9

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-31-3-1 requiring the streamlining and prioritization of the Indiana Academic Standards, IDOE convened committees of general and special educators to review proposed revisions to Indiana's alternate standards, known as Content Connectors. New and updated Content Connectors for five content areas ([English/language arts](#), [mathematics](#), [science](#), [computer science](#), [social studies](#), and [integrated STEM](#)) are available for public comment through Friday, February 9. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Support Workshops - Integrated STEM and Indiana Academic Standards

In partnership with IDOE, ESCI will present a full-day workshop to include exploration of hands-on activities for deeper academic impact using the 2023 Integrated STEM Standards and Indiana Academic Standards. Join the Future-Focused Learning Series for the *Integrated STEM Standards School Year Support Workshop* on Tuesday, February 13, to explore integrated STEM concepts across content areas

and the Future-Focused Learning Series for the *Leadership, Coaching, and Effective Teaming School Year Support Workshop* on Tuesday, February 27, designed to help teachers translate standards into practice. All are invited to register for these opportunities at no cost via the [Future-Focused Learning Series webpage](#). Contact [ESCI](#) or IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

PRIME Math Course Teacher Informational Webinar

IDOE and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) will host a live webinar for schools interested in offering the Postsecondary Ready Investigative Mathematics Experience (PRIME) Math course for seniors. Register for the teacher-centered session below:

- [Teacher Session: Wednesday, February 21, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET](#)

Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Assessment Update

ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) Winter 2024 Testing Window Opens Today, February 5

The ILEARN Biology ECA Winter 2024 testing window is open through Friday, February 23. Students must participate in this assessment upon completion of the high school biology course. Information regarding participation can be found [here](#). Test Administrators (TAs) must ensure completion of the annual [TA Certification Course](#) prior to testing. Access the [ILEARN Test Administrator's Manual \(TAM\)](#) for additional testing information.

Indiana Learning Lab

February Professional Development (PD) with IDOE - Eclipse Edition

PD with IDOE for the month of February focuses on supporting educators as they prepare for the April 2024 Solar Eclipse. Our first session, *EclipsED: Harnessing the Power of Blended and Virtual Learning*, will be held on Wednesday, February 7, at 4 p.m. ET. View a full list of February sessions [here](#). To register for workshops, or view on-demand sessions, create a free Learning Lab account by visiting the [LINK Portal](#) or the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) directly and use your school email address to log in. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

Digital Learning Day Double Down: Thursday, February 15

Join us for a Digital Learning Day celebration on Thursday, February 15, at 4 p.m. ET in the Indiana Learning Lab. Educators from across the state will be sharing digital learning projects, tools, and ideas that have been successful in their classrooms. Registration for the Digital Learning Day Double Down [is available now](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

On-Demand PD with IDOE

January's PD with IDOE workshops are all available on the Indiana Learning Lab:

- [Digital Learning Grant Success Stories](#)
- [SAT State-Allowed Accommodations \(SAAs\)](#)
- [Your Brain on Books: Reading in a Digital World](#)
- [New Year, New You: Tech Tools for 2024 - AI Edition](#)

Attend [future live sessions](#) and view [other on-demand content](#) in the Learning Lab. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

Additional Teaching & Learning Resources

Personal Financial Responsibility Course and Career Planning and Coaching Standards - Guidance for Schools

Pursuant to IC 20-30-5-19, IDOE [defined guidance](#) to support schools in the implementation of the recently legislated personal financial responsibility course. Pursuant to IC 20-30-5-24, the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE), in collaboration with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE), adopted career planning and coaching standards for a career awareness course. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Registration Open - Early Learning Standards Workshop

Join the Future-Focused Learning Series for the Early Learning workshop on Thursday, March 7, to explore the new 2023 Early Learning Standards. This full-day workshop will include hands-on activities demonstrating the standards in action and a chance to talk with other early childhood providers. [Register for free today](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with additional questions.

Register Now for Digital Learning Coach Camp on Friday, March 8

Digital learning coaches are invited to attend the Digital Learning Coach Camp on Friday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC). This professional learning opportunity, specifically for those in educational technology coaching and leadership roles, is a round-table style, one-day conference. This event is free, and participants will break at lunch. Register for this opportunity [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

Additional Professional Development Opportunities

Strasbourg Cultural Exchange Opportunities

High school educators interested in learning more about opportunities to partner with Strasbourg schools through linguistic and cultural exchange programs can complete this [form](#) to receive more information about the specific opportunities available and how to get connected. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

Federal Court 2024 Teacher Institute

The Summer 2024 Federal Court Teacher Institute will be on Wednesday, June 12, and Thursday, June 13, at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in downtown Indianapolis. This year's program will feature an intensive look at jury service. Teachers will get a behind-the-scenes look at multiple aspects of jury service, participate in an enlightening simulation, and engage with federal judges, attorneys, and court professionals. The workshop is designed for middle and high school teachers. The program is free, and lunch will be provided both days. Annual content varies, and past participants are welcome to enroll. Space is limited - register early to reserve a seat. Details and application form are available [here](#). Contact [Mary Giorgio](#) with any questions.

Recognition Opportunities

Additional Opportunities to Recognize Indiana Educators

Throughout the year, numerous opportunities arise nationwide to acknowledge the incredible work of Indiana educators. IDOE's Office of Educator Talent has developed [this document](#), which will be updated periodically with external opportunities to recognize educators. Contact [Anne Marie Milligan](#) with any questions or to submit an educator recognition opportunity not listed.

Teacher of the Year

Indiana Teachers of the Year Spotlight and Elevate the Teaching profession

Our 2023 and 2024 Indiana Teachers of the Year are spotlighted in a new video elevating and celebrating Indiana's educator profession. Watch [here](#) and join them in celebrating the critical role of educators in communities and the impactful journey of educators. For more information on the Indiana Teacher of the Year program, contact intoy@doe.in.gov

News From Our Partners

Nextech's Universal Design of Inclusive K-12 Computer Science Instruction Workshop

In this two-day professional development opportunity, educators will learn various pedagogies and practices to equip themselves with tools to help bring computer science education to all students. Learn strategies to design and build an accessible learning environment to impact both teacher and student experience while learning computer science. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7, and will be facilitated by Dr. Maya Israel and Dr. Joanne Barrett from the University of Florida College of Education. Learn more about this free professional development opportunity and register [here](#). Contact [Nextech](#) with any questions.

CodeHS launches Spring Computer Science (CS) Professional Development Opportunities

CodeHS released their Spring 2024 menu of high quality professional learning opportunities to promote best practices in CS instruction. With options ranging from developing computational thinking skills in a workshop to learning new programming languages in a bootcamp to preparing for teacher licensure exams in CS, there are opportunities for all grade and experience levels. Register [here](#) and reach out to [CodeHS](#) with any questions.

Register for the 2024 Teach Indy Educators Conference

Join the Teach Indy team at the 2024 Teach Indy Educators Conference at the Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center on Saturday, March 2. This conference will enhance teachers' expertise, share best practices, amplify educator voices, and help teachers seize the opportunity to learn best practices, network, and grow pedagogical skills. All current and aspiring educators are welcome! [Register here](#) and contact the [Teach Indy team](#) with questions.

Upcoming Dates



Monday, February 5	ILEARN U.S. Government Standards/Cut Score Confirmation Committee Applications Due
Wednesday, February 7, at 4 p.m. ET	EclipsED: Harnessing the Power of Blended and Virtual Learning
Friday, February 9	Draft Content Connectors Public Comment Deadline
Tuesday, February 13	Integrated STEM Standards School Year Support Workshop
Thursday, February 15, at 4 p.m. ET	Digital Learning Day Double Down
Wednesday, February 21, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET	PRIME Math Course Teacher Information Webinar
Friday, February 23	ILEARN Biology ECA Winter 2024 Testing Window Closes
Tuesday, February 27	Leadership, Coaching, and Effective Teaming School Year Support Workshop
Thursday, February 29, at 11:59 p.m. ET	NYSCamp Applications Due
Saturday, March 2	2024 Teach Indy Educators Conference
Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7	Nextech's Universal Design of Inclusive K-12 Computer Science Instruction Workshop
Thursday, March 7	Future-Focused Learning Series: Early Learning Standards Workshop
Friday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET	Digital Learning Coach Camp

Additional Resources

- [Educator Licensing](#)
- [Educator Supply/Demand Marketplace](#)
- [Get Your Teach On Indiana](#)
- [Indiana Learning Lab](#)
- [Indiana Literacy Cadre](#)
- [Indiana STEM Cadre](#)
- [Indiana Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Teachers Who Shaped Us Video Series](#)



Department News

- 01/30/24 Indiana Students Encouraged to Apply to 2024 Governor's STEM Team
- 01/26/24 Indiana Department of Education Encourages Participation in Summer Meals Program
- 01/10/24 Secretary Jenner Unanimously Elected as State Board of Education Chair for Fourth Consecutive Year
- 01/09/24 Key Literacy Data Publicly Available for the First Time

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