Teacher Newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education

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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.

Literacy and STEM Support

Foundational Literacy for Families Series
IDOE is hosting family sessions about supporting children's development of skills related to early communication on Tuesday, March 12, early reading on Tuesday, March 19, and early writing on Tuesday, March 26. All sessions will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. ET in the Indiana Learning Lab. Contact IDOE's Office of Kindergarten Readiness with additional questions.

Importance of the Read Aloud with Middle Schoolers Webinar
Join IDOE and sixth grade English language arts teacher, Jessica Brovont, on Wednesday, March 13, at 4 p.m. ET in the Indiana Learning Lab to discuss how reading aloud can continue to support students even after they can read independently. Contact IDOE's Literacy Center with additional questions.

Assessment Update

SAT School Day Primary Testing Window Now Open
The SAT School Day testing window to test cohort 2025 students is open through Friday, March 15. Review the following reminders for teachers involved in the testing process:

- Proctors must be trained prior to test administration.
- Access SAT School Day testing manuals here.
- Conduct a digital readiness check to familiarize students and staff with the testing platform.
- Testing rooms should assemble test day packets, including a roster and student sign-in tickets.
- Provide students with the link to the SAT Student Guide, allowing them to review the test format and guidelines before the test administration.

Detailed frequently asked questions can be found here, and other preparation materials can be found in College Board's Indiana SAT School Day Google Drive. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with participation and policy questions, and College Board with any technical questions.

IREAD-3 Testing Window Now Open
The IREAD-3 Spring 2024 testing window is open through Friday, March 15. A few reminders:

- Ensure all students have participated in the practice test prior to operational testing.
- Ensure student data is accurate within the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), including the Tested Grade setting for grade four and five students.
- Ensure that test administration materials are prepared, including the IREAD-3 Test Administrator's Manual (TAM) and accommodated scripts, as needed.

Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions.

Educator Licensing

LVIS360 Account Update
Educators applying for initial licenses or renewals in the next few months should log in to the updated LVIS360 system soon to link their LVIS legacy licensure data to their LVIS360 account. The new system requires users to create an Access Indiana account prior to accessing LVIS360. The Office of Educator Licensing recommends getting acquainted with the new login process and linking your new LVIS360 login to your legacy account now before the busy season for licensing starts in May. Access the user portal here.

Indiana Learning Lab

March Professional Development (PD) with IDOE - User Request Edition
March PD with IDOE sessions are focused on Indiana Learning Lab user requests. On Wednesday, March 6, at 4 p.m. ET, IDOE's Technical Assistance Specialist, Maggie Hampton, will present *Strategies to Support Elementary Students with Disabilities*. View a full list of March sessions here. To register for workshops or view on demand sessions, create a free 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.

Additional Teaching & Learning Resources

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.

Social Studies Frameworks for Grades 3-5 Now Available
IDOE developed new Social Studies Frameworks for grades three through five in alignment with the streamlined 2023 Indiana Academic Standards to support educators in standards implementation and providing key areas of focus such as academic vocabulary, clarification statements, and instructional resources. Access these resources from the 2023 Social Studies Frameworks collection in the Indiana Learning Lab. Frameworks for remaining grade levels and courses will become available in the coming weeks. Contact IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning with any questions.

IDOE's Updated Digital Learning Speaker List
IDOE's Office of Digital Learning is pleased to provide the Digital Learning Speaker list of presenters who can provide local expertise, primarily for the Summer of Learning conference series, but also for state and district professional development sessions. Complete this form to apply to be included on this list of experts. If you are planning a professional development opportunity, you can view the speaker's list to get connected with presenters. Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions.

Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency (CoMP) Webinar
Indiana's CoMP benefits secondary multilingual students by validating their fluency across multiple languages. Join IDOE to learn more on Thursday, March 7, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET. Registration is not required, and the access link can be found on the Indiana EL Professional Development Opportunities Calendar. More information can be found on the IDOE CoMP webpage. Contact IDOE's Office of English Learning and Migrant Education with any questions.

News From Our Partners

2024 Indiana Early Childhood Conference
Kick off the 2024 Week of the Young Child with the 2024 Indiana Early Childhood Conference on Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6, at the Indiana Convention Center. Staff involved in a program that is state-licensed, registered, or certified, may qualify for a scholarship to attend; details are available on the registration page. Contact the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children's (INAEYC's) Stefanie Brooks with any questions.

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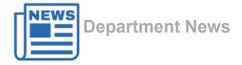
CodeHS released their spring 2024 menu of high quality professional learning opportunities to promote best practices in CS instruction. With options ranging from developing computational thinking skills in a workshop to learning new programming languages in a bootcamp to preparing for teacher licensure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

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, March 6, at 4 p.m. ET	PD with IDOE: Strategies to Support Elementary Students with Disabilities
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
Thursday, March 7, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET	CoMP Webinar
Friday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET	Digital Learning Coach Camp
Tuesday, March 12	Foundational Literacy for Families: Early Communication
Wednesday, March 13, at 4 p.m. ET	Importance of the Read Aloud with Middle Schoolers
Friday, March 15	SAT School Day Testing Window closes
Friday, March 15	I-READ 3 Testing Window closes
Tuesday, March 19	Foundational Literacy for Families: Early Reading
Tuesday, March 26	Foundational Literacy for Families: Early Writing

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

- **02/27/24** Career Scholarship Account Program Now Accepting Applications to Connect Employers to Indiana Students
- **02/16/24** Indiana Honors Schools Meeting the State's 95% Literacy Goal
- **02/09/24** Indiana Department of Education Announces Recipients of High-Quality Summer Programming Grant
- **02/07/24** Indiana Department of Education Deploys Latest Round of Enhancements to the Indiana GPS Dashboard

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