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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)

Webinar Recording - Understanding Indiana's New Early Literacy Endorsement and Educator Supports

Today, in Indiana, one in five third grade students cannot read. This is a crisis that has persisted for over a decade, however it is one that we can solve, together. Thank you to those who were able to join the Thursday, April 18, webinar to learn more about the requirements for Indiana's new early literacy endorsement. We wanted to make sure the information shared is available for everyone, so copies of both the [presentation](#), as well as the [recording](#) can be accessed at your convenience. These links are also available on [IDOE's Literacy Development webpage](#). Thank you to the teachers who have already registered for the Keys to Literacy course, including the over 9,300 teachers who have registered over the past four days alone! Please continue to contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

Get Your Teach On

Register now to attend the Indiana Educator Celebration hosted by Get Your Teach On

Get Your Teach On, in partnership with IDOE, is hosting an Indiana Educator Celebration on Friday, May 31, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. This exciting evening is designed to celebrate Indiana educators. There will be tons of giveaways, food, keynote speakers, special guests, and much more. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, please contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#).

Literacy and STEM Support

Future-Focused Indiana Academic Standards (IAS) for Mathematics Course Now Available

Pursuant to [House Enrolled Act 1243](#), IDOE developed the new [2023 Future-Focused Indiana Academic Standards for Mathematics Course](#). This self-paced, asynchronous course focuses on unpacking the elementary and secondary 2023 IAS for Mathematics, and provides educator and administrator support for standards implementation, the application of effective mathematics teaching strategies, and methods for emphasizing contextual problem solving. High-quality resources are included to assist educators in providing support to a diverse range of learners while fostering a collaborative learning environment. This free course is available in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) and Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points are available upon completion. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Financial Literacy Correlation Guide Now Available

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-30-5-19 (2023), each school corporation, charter school, and state-accredited non-public school must include instruction concerning personal financial responsibility in its high school curriculum. The Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS) course 4540 Personal Financial Responsibility was approved to satisfy this requirement. The [2024 Financial Literacy Standards Correlation Guide](#) illustrates changes between the 2011 Indiana Academic Standards (IAS) for Financial Literacy and the NLPS competencies of this new course. The new guide, related policy guidance, and the archived 2011 IAS are available on [IDOE's Indiana Academic Standards webpage](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Assessment Updates

Preparing for the IREAD-3 Summer Retest

Final results are now available for the IREAD-3 Spring 2024 administration, and students in grades three or above who did not pass must prepare to participate in the IREAD-3 Summer Retest, which opens on Monday, May 13. Staff involved with the IREAD-3 Summer Retest may attend the following question and answer (Q&A) sessions as they prepare for the administration.

- [IREAD-3 Summer Retest Q&A Session 1: Wednesday, May 15, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET](#)
- [IREAD-3 Summer Retest Q&A Session 2: Friday, May 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET](#)

Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

Indiana Learning Lab

May PD with IDOE

May PD with IDOE sessions continue next week, on Wednesday, May 8, with *Quality Mathematics for Classroom Assessments (Featuring New ILEARN Item Specifications)* led by IDOE STEM Specialist, Dana Hartzell. View a full list of May 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.

Meaningful Early Math Experiences Series for Early Childhood Educators

Join Ryan Flessner, Professor of Teacher Education at Butler University, for a [professional development series on meaningful early math experiences](#). Gain deeper knowledge about Indiana's early learning mathematics standards and walk away with easy-to-implement ideas you can use in your learning environment the following day. Session topics include:

- [Computation and Algebraic Thinking](#) today, Monday, May 6;
- [Geometry](#) on Thursday, May 16; and
- [Measurement](#) on Monday, May 20.

All sessions will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. ET in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with additional questions.

Building Foundations Series for Early Childhood Educators

Join IDOE and educators from around the state in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) beginning Thursday, May 16, at 1:30 p.m. ET for the [Building Foundations Series](#) to uncover how play is instrumental in developing foundational knowledge of the Early Learning Standards for young children, as well as how to adapt your activities for special populations. Early learning educators and administrators are invited to register for all sessions in the series!

- [Curriculum, Standards, and Assessment](#): Thursday, May 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET
- [Modifying for Special Populations](#): Tuesday, May 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET
- [Navigating Play with Purpose](#): Thursday, May 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET

Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with questions.

Additional Professional Development Opportunities

2024 Summer of Learning Conferences

IDOE's Summer of Learning Conferences offer educators opportunities to connect with technology-enhanced pedagogy related to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and accessibility, science of reading, integrated STEM standards, academic recovery, designing virtual and blended learning experiences, and more. 11 conference host sites were selected through the Summer of Learning Grant process. View the conference schedule on IDOE's [Digital Learning and Professional Development webpage](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

Kindergarten Educators Needed for Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) Committee

Kindergarten educators are needed for an item acceptance, standard setting, and reporting committees for the new KRA. The committees will meet one to two times virtually in July, and stipends will be awarded for participation. Please [complete the jotform](#) if interested, and contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

High-Quality Curricular Materials Review Committee Applications Now Open

IDOE seeks qualified educators and other stakeholders to serve on high-quality curricular materials review committees for Early Learning Integrated (Infant/Toddler, Preschool, and Mixed Age Groups) and Early Learning Supplemental (student wellbeing, mathematics, science, literacy, handwriting, and family engagement). View this [flier](#) and [memo](#) for more information and apply using the [educator Jotform](#) or [community member Jotform](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

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

IDOE is pleased to announce a new partnership with Educational Service Centers (ESCs) of Indiana 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 to teach in a STEM content area. The 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](#) for more information and to register. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

Recognition Opportunities

Nominations for the 2024 Education Excellence Awards for Individual Educators

IDOE will celebrate Indiana educators at the third annual Indiana Educational Excellence Awards Gala in Indianapolis on Friday, September 6. Nominate an excellent Indiana educator for one of the 2024 Individual Educator Excellence Awards [here](#). Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, May 12, at 9 p.m. ET. All certified Indiana educators are eligible. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

Additional Opportunities to Recognize Indiana Educators

Throughout the year, opportunities arise nationwide to acknowledge the incredible work of Indiana educators. IDOE's Office of Educator Talent will periodically update [this document](#) with external opportunities to recognize educators. Contact [Anne Marie Milligan](#) to submit an unlisted educator recognition opportunity.

Teacher of the Year

Nominate an Educator for Teacher of the Year

The Indiana Teacher of the Year Program inspires, rejuvenates, and celebrates the teaching profession by recognizing outstanding teachers from across the state. Local schools are encouraged to participate in an annual selection process and local Teacher(s) of the Year are encouraged to complete the state application process by Friday, July 5. Find more information on the 2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year selection process [here](#). Contact intoy@doe.in.gov with any questions.

News From Our Partners

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (DWD): Early Childhood Education Next Level Jobs Employer Training Grant Webinar

Join DWD on Wednesday, May 8, at noon ET for an informative session about the Next Level Jobs Employer Training Grant designed to enhance educator training within your organization. This presentation aims to equip participants with essential knowledge on accessing the funding to elevate the skills and expertise of educators. [Register here](#). If you have any issues registering, please contact [Holly Meyer](#).

FROM THE SOCIETY OF INDIANA PIONEERS: Society of Indiana Pioneers Teacher Grant and Awards Program

History educators are encouraged to apply for [\\$500 field trip grants](#) and [\\$1,000 activity grants](#) for the fall 2024 semester from the Society of Indiana Pioneers. These grants are intended to encourage the study of pioneer-era history. Recent grant winners have received funding for visits to the Old Fort Wayne in Fort Wayne, Mississinewa 1812, and Conner Prairie. Contact [Andrea Neal](#) with the Society of Indiana Pioneers with any questions.

FROM KEEP INDIANA LEARNING: Virtual Math Workshops for Elementary Teachers & Coaches

Join Jessica Miller for two half-day, virtual PD opportunities next week. First, *The Literacy in Mathematics* workshop will help educators use what students already know from their literacy learning as they tackle new ideas in mathematics. The *More than "Just" Math Facts* workshop will then explore the strategies kids use as they work through stages of math fact development and consider how the strategies kids learn when tackling basic facts support them in more complex problems. [Learn more and register today.](#) Contact [Keep Indiana Learning](#) with questions.

NEW FROM THE LILLY ENDOWMENT: Renewal Grants for Indiana K-12 Educators

The Lilly Endowment is accepting applications for its [Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program](#). This program supports educators throughout Indiana by providing resources for them to take time for meaningful renewal. The Endowment believes that through new experiences, exploration, and reflection educators can generate renewed energy in their careers, innovative approaches to teaching and educational leadership, and thoughtful ways to encourage students' creative thinking. The Endowment expects to award approximately 125 grants, each totaling up to \$15,000, in 2025. The application deadline is 5 p.m. EDT on Monday, September 9. Four information sessions will be held in 2024 on Thursday, May 16, Thursday, May 30, Thursday, August 8, and Tuesday, August 13. To learn more or register for one of these sessions, visit the [Lilly Endowment website](#). Contact Lilly Endowment staff at teachercreativity@lei.org with any questions.

FROM PILOT LIGHT: 2024-2025 Food Education Fellowship

Pilot Light created the Food Education Fellowship to invest in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 teacher leaders who are committed to bringing food education to their students. In addition to integrated food education lessons, fellows will partner with an individual or organization in the food space to support student-led advocacy work within their classrooms. Learn more about the fellowship [here](#). Contact [Caitlin Arens](#) at Pilot Light with any questions.

FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY: Indy Autonomous Challenge at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Educators are invited to bring their high school students to the Innovation Showcase at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Friday, September 6. This free event, held in conjunction with the [Indy Autonomous Challenge](#), will provide students with the unique opportunity to learn more about STEM and the innovations behind autonomous vehicles up close, followed by a unique opportunity to watch these cars zoom around the famous oval track - without drivers! [Click here](#) to learn more about the Indy Autonomous Challenge. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register for free tickets. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

NEW FROM STARTEDUP: Innovation Educator Fellowship is Now Accepting Applications

The STARTedUP Innovation Educator Fellowship is a professional development program designed to empower every educator with the framework and content needed to teach innovation and become hubs of real-world impact and opportunity by challenging their students to solve problems in their communities. The Fellowship connects teachers with year-round support from like-minded peers, exclusive networking opportunities, and all of the tools and resources needed to allow students to find passion and purpose by doing meaningful, real-world work in the classroom. Limited spots are available for the 2024 school year. Applications are due Friday, May 31. Learn more [here](#). Contact fellowship@startedupfoundation.org with questions.

Upcoming Dates



Monday, May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET	Meaningful Early Math Experiences: Computation and Algebraic Thinking
Wednesday, May 8	Quality Mathematics for Classroom Assessments (Featuring New ILEARN Item Specifications)
Wednesday, May 8, at noon ET	Next Level Jobs Employer Training Grant Information Session

Sunday, May 12, at 9 p.m. ET	Indiana Education Excellence Award Nomination Deadline
Wednesday, May 15, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET	IREAD-3 Summer Retest Q&A Session 1
Thursday, May 16	Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program Information Session
Thursday, May 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET	Curriculum, Standards, and Assessment
Thursday, May 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET	Meaningful Early Math Experiences: Geometry
Friday, May 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET	IREAD-3 Summer Retest Q&A Session 2
Monday, May 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET	Meaningful Early Math Experiences: Measurement
Tuesday, May 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET	Modifying for Special Populations
Thursday, May 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET	Navigating Play with Purpose
Thursday, May 30,	Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program Information Session
Friday, May 31	Get Your Teach On Indiana Educator Celebration
Friday, May 31	STARTedUP Innovation Educator Fellowship Application Deadline
Friday, July 5	2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year Applications Due
Thursday, August 8	Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program Information Session
Tuesday, August 13	Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program Information Session

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](#)



- 04/23/24 State of Indiana Launches SUN Bucks
- 04/11/24 Indiana Launches New Tools to Understand and Support Kindergarten Readiness

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