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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

Updated Computer Science Course Guidance for Schools

Pursuant to [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-32-4-18](#), IDOE and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) defined [guidance](#) to support schools in the implementation of the computer science course requirement. This update includes standards for Computing Foundations for a Digital Age (4565) and additional pathway courses. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) or ICHE's [Office of Career and Technical Education](#) with any questions.

Bridging the Gap - Indiana Academic Standards Professional Development Session

Bridging the Gap: Shifting from the 2020 to the 2023 K-8 Indiana Academic Standards is a session that provides an overview of updated resources related to the streamlined 2023 Indiana Academic Standards in English/language arts (ELA) and mathematics and a new analysis tool intended to help with identifying learning gaps. Visit [Bridging the Gap: Shifting from the 2020 to 2023 Indiana Academic Standards in ELA and Math](#) to view the recorded training in the Indiana Learning Lab. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Assessment Updates

Indiana SAT Test Blueprint Now Available

The Indiana SAT Test Blueprint is now available in the Indiana Assessment Frameworks for [Mathematics](#) and [ELA](#). The Assessment Frameworks are also accessible on IDOE's [High School Assessment webpage](#). The Indiana SAT Test Blueprint defines the essential Mathematics and ELA Indiana Academic Standards that are measured by the SAT. Additional resources including proficiency level descriptors for each measured standard will be added this fall. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

WIDA Alternate ACCESS 2024 Results Release

WIDA Alternate ACCESS 2024 results were delayed due to standard setting for the revised assessment, which took place this summer. Alternate ACCESS results will be released in [WIDA AMS Reporting Services](#) on Wednesday, September 11. Schools must review results and share them in a timely manner. Printed reports will arrive in corporations on Thursday, September 26. Student results, including

calculations for students with approved domain exemption accommodations, will be available in EdData and Indiana ILP by Monday, September 30.

Indiana Literacy Center

Flexible Keys to Literacy Professional Development Options Available Now

Registration is now open for educators who hold an Indiana professional educator license to enroll in one of the new flexible professional development options outlined in [this memo](#). Additional information can be found [here](#) and the registration form with all available options can be found [here](#). Educators who previously registered are able to continue with their current enrollment and can use the registration form to confirm their plans to remain in the live cohort sessions or choose a different option. Please contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any additional questions.

Approval Process for 80 Hours of Professional Development to Support Early Literacy Endorsement Requirements and Praxis Voucher Request

Educators who plan to add Indiana's Early Literacy Endorsement can follow the process outlined [here](#) to submit a request to verify completion of an approved 80 hours of professional development and request a Praxis Voucher. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development Verification

Verified programs that can be used to support the 80 hours of professional development needed for the early literacy endorsement can be found [here](#). Training providers (including school districts) may request approval to certify which requirements are met through participation in the training by submitting [this form](#) with supporting evidence. The list of approved programs will be updated regularly. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

Indiana Learning Lab

September PD with IDOE

September PD with IDOE continues Wednesday, September 11, with *Creating a Crisis Response Action Plan* presented by IDOE's Director of Student, School, and Family Engagement, Michelle Clarke. View a full list of September 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.

Additional Professional Development Opportunities

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Cohort Now Open to Additional Roles

IDOE's Office of Digital Learning is partnering with [Novak Education](#) to offer an opportunity for those that provide coaching for teachers in instructional practices to earn a UDL Associate Level 1 Credential. This opportunity will support participants in the why, what, and how of UDL principles while developing coaching techniques to empower and support teachers in integrating UDL effectively. Participants must be able to attend two in-person workshops, six virtual sessions, and complete an online course. Register via [this form](#). Registration will close on Friday, September 27, or when registration reaches 90 participants who meet the requirements. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

ISPROUT Committee Applications Now Open

Educators for children ages birth to five are needed for item acceptance, standard setting, and reporting committees for ISPROUT. The committees will meet one to two times virtually in October, and stipends will be awarded for participation. Complete [the form](#) if interested, and contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

WIDA Workshop - Instructional Planning for the Bilingual Classroom

WIDA will be facilitating an in-person workshop on Friday, October 4, at MSD Lawrence Township. This free, interactive workshop is for Spanish bilingual education teachers and will focus on instructional planning that will elevate the assets of their multilingual learners; the session will be delivered primarily in Spanish. More information on the session can be found on [this flier](#). Registration is required via [Jotform](#) by Monday, September 16. Space is limited, and LEAs may send two participants. Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

Recognition Opportunities

Nominations Open for the 2025 Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Classified Staff Award

Public and non-public schools across the state are encouraged to nominate up to two classified school employees for the [RISE Award](#). The RISE Award honors and promotes the excellence exhibited by classified school employees who provide exemplary service to students in pre-kindergarten through high school. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, September 13, at 5 p.m. ET. Nominations can be submitted via [JotForm](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

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. To submit an educator recognition opportunity not listed, contact [Office of Educator Talent](#).

Teacher of the Year

2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year Top Three Finalists Announced

IDOE is excited to announce the top three finalists for the 2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year. The 2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year will be announced in October. Details on the top three finalists can be found [here](#). For more information on the Indiana Teacher of the Year program, contact intoy@doe.in.gov.

News From Our Partners

FROM THE INDIANA CONFERENCE OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS: Educators Wanted to Present at Conference

The Indiana Conference of Teachers of Mathematics is calling for proposals from passionate math educators/leaders to present at the annual conference, which will be held in Franklin on January 25, 2025. Each accepted lead presenter will receive free registration to the conference, and submissions are due Friday, November 8. The conference will be held in Franklin. Complete [this registration form](#) to signify your interest. Contact [Brittany Tinkler](#) with additional questions.

FROM THE INDIANA CONNECTED EDUCATORS CONFERENCE: Register for 2024 Conference Now

Registration is now available for the Indiana Connected Educators Conference this fall, which will be held on Wednesday, October 9, and Thursday, October 10, at Franklin Central Junior High School. More information and registration can be found [here](#). Contact [Nadine Gilkison](#) or [Jenna Eastham](#) with questions regarding the conference.

FROM KEEP INDIANA LEARNING: Language Access Summit

Keep Indiana Learning is proud to partner with the National Association of Educational Translators and Interpreters of Spoken Languages to provide a powerful one-day summit on Thursday, September 26. The day will focus on ethical and effective ways to support multilingual learners and their families. The afternoon sessions are specifically geared toward interpreter training and certification. Half-day and full-day tickets are available for school/district administrators and EL educators and support staff. Learn more and register [here](#). Contact [Keep Indiana Learning](#) with questions.

FROM TEACHER INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES IN INDIANA (TIE-IN): Embark on an Exploratory Journey with TIE-IN

Elevate your teaching and ignite your creativity with [TIE-IN](#), an initiative designed to bridge the classroom with the dynamic world of industry. This program, brought to life through a partnership with IDOE and Central Indiana Educational Service Center's Keep Indiana Learning team, is open to all licensed Indiana educators, including pre-kindergarten through grade 12 classroom teachers, counselors, media specialists, and instructional coaches. Learn more and register [here](#). Contact [Dr. Christy Hilton](#) with any questions.

Upcoming Dates



Wednesday, September 11	WIDA Alternate ACCESS 2024 Results Released in WIDA AMS
Wednesday, September 11	September PD with IDOE: <i>Creating a Crisis Response Action Plan</i>
Friday, September 13, at 5 p.m. ET	Nomination deadline for RISE Classified Staff Award

Friday, September 27	Final day to register for UDL Cohort
Friday, October 4	WIDA Workshop: Instructional Planning for the Bilingual Classroom

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](#)



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