



Teacher Newsletter

Monthly Updates from the Indiana Department of Education

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We know that real impact for students happens at the educator-level. In fact, we have seen time and again when teacher leaders are a catalyst for positive change in schools...whether that means adding student opportunities that did not previously exist...or creating connections with higher education 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 do what you do best – and that’s serving Indiana’s students.

Educator Pipeline (Attract, Prepare, Retain)

NEW: Register Now to Attend Be a Teacher Day Hosted by Indiana FCCLA
Join Indiana FCCLA Monday, November 3, at Gainbridge Fieldhouse for an exciting event that focuses on the Education and Training pathway. Be a Teacher Day allows students interested in a future in PK-12 education to connect with numerous college programs from around the state. Students will spend the day learning about how to go to college, pay for college, and where they might want to attend. Click [here](#) to learn more. Contact [Alyson McIntyre](#) with any questions.

Literacy & STEM Support

NEW: 2025-2026 STEM School Certification Guidelines Now Available
The Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) Office of Curriculum and Instruction has released [new guidance and rubrics](#) for the 2025-2026 STEM School Certification Process. IDOE's STEM Certification team hosted an informational webinar in the Indiana Learning Lab which can be viewed using this [link](#). Contact [stemcertification@doe.in.gov](#) with any questions.

Indiana Literacy Center

NEW: No Cost Science of Reading Professional Development
No cost science of reading professional development is available to help current Indiana educators who teach a content area that involves literacy instruction for PK-5 students to earn the new Early Literacy Endorsement. Registration through Keys to Literacy is available [here](#) for those who are eligible.Space is limited. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

NEW: Early Literacy Professional Development Approval Process
Educators who have completed 80-hours of professional development will complete [this form](#) to verify details of their training and upload their completion certificates. Once professional development has been approved, IDOE will issue a confirmation letter that will be used by the educator to complete the early literacy endorsement application in LVIS. Review this [FAQ](#) containing additional information about the early literacy endorsement. We will continue to add additional questions and answers to the FAQ as they arise. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

Assessment Updates

NEW: ILEARN Checkpoint Listserv Subscription JotForm
Indiana educators can subscribe to receive ILEARN Checkpoint assessment updates by completing this [JotForm](#). Only valid school email addresses will be accepted. Testing personnel and educators whot currently receive these updates do not need to fill out this form. Please share this JotForm with staff members who would be interested in receiving this listserv. Contact the [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

NEW: Indiana Learning Lab Learning & Assessment Hub Updates
The Assessment Hub on the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) has been updated to the [Learning & Assessment Hub](#). Resources and collections found in the Learning & Assessment Hub have been updated and new supports will continue to be added. Contact the [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

NEW: Early Learning Transition Summit Registration
Learn more about IDOE's [kindergarten model and self assessment](#) and hear from a panel of colleagues participating in transition cohorts utilizing the tool on Friday, October 24, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. ET at the annual [Transition Summit](#). The Summit is presented in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Service Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning and Indiana Head Start Association, and registration is available [here](#). Contact the [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

NEW: Mathematics Process Task Examples
Indiana’s newly-implemented ILEARN Mathematics Through-Year assessment will no longer include a mathematics performance task as part of the summative assessment. Instead, math process standards are measured with items embedded in the summative computer-adaptive test. These mathematics process tasks (MPTs) ask students to demonstrate key aspects of the process standards within grade-level content situations. The MPTs will be field tested in spring 2026. Examples of MPTs are available on the [ILEARN webpage](#), and additional information (such as item specifications and proficiency level descriptors) will be available soon on the [Mathematics Assessment Framework](#).

NEW: Updates to Instructional Frameworks for Indiana Academic Standards
The [Instructional Frameworks for Indiana’s Academic Standards \(IAS\)](#) in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics will undergo a series of updates during the 2025-2026 school year. [These improvements](#) are intended to enhance the quality of resources available to educators, strengthen support for student learning, and ensure closer alignment between classroom instruction and statewide assessment expectations. Updated frameworks are being rolled out in four phases with priority given to assessed standards. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

News from Our Partners

NEW FROM THE READING LEAGUE INDIANA: Science of Reading Experts Explain Series
Join IDOE and The Reading League Indiana from noon to 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, October 14, for the next live *Experts Explain* series with Dr. Erica Lembke. Dr. Lembke will present *Assessments for Writing*. This session will present the use of Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM) for screening and progress monitoring in writing. Administration and scoring will be introduced, along with a diagnostic tool to aid in decision making when instructional changes are needed. All sessions will be recorded and shared in the Indiana Learning Lab. Access registration details [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

NEW FROM AP-TIP: Annual Online Fall Conference Week of October 27
AP-TIP's 2025 annual conference will focus on *The Art & Science of Engagement*. Jennifer Fredricks, PhD will lead the keynote session on Monday, October 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. ET. Content sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET beginning Tuesday, October 28, through Thursday, October 30, with a one-hour break for lunch each day.

- English: Tuesday, October 28
- Math: Wednesday, October 29
- Science: Thursday, October 30

Visit the University of Notre Dame’s Center for STEM Education’s [website](#) for the daily conference agendas (coming soon) and to register. Contact [Stephanie Kuscera](#) with any questions.



Additional Resources

- [Educator Licensing](#)
- [Educator Supply/Demand Marketplace](#)
- [Indiana Special Education Assisted Licensure Program \(I-SEAL\)](#)
- [Indiana Teachers of English Learners Licensure \(I-TELL\)](#)
- [Indiana STEM Educator Expansion Program \(I-STEM\)](#)
- [Get Your Teach On Indiana](#)
- [Indiana Learning Lab](#)
- [Indiana Literacy Cadre](#)
- [Teacher of the Year](#)

Weekly Updates

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