



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.

Literacy & STEM Support

NEW: AI is Computer Science - IDOE Partnering with Nextech to Celebrate CSEd Week

CSEd Week begins Monday, December 8. This year, IDOE is partnering with Nextech to empower students through Code.org’s [Hour of AI](#) and help educators use computer science as a home for AI literacy and education. Join us for a session in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) on Thursday, November 13, at 4 p.m. ET to learn about opportunities to bring AI literacy to your school and integrate AI instruction into your computer science classroom. Review the schedule of activities and workshops for CSEdWeek. Contact the Indiana Department of Education’s (IDOE’s) [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with questions.

Indiana Literacy Center

NEW: Continuum of Support

Pursuant to [IC 20-32-8.5-2](#) and [IC 20-32-5.1-20](#), IDOE developed the following [guidance](#) to help schools support students who are at risk of not being proficient in reading. This guidance focuses on using data and instruction to meet students’ literacy needs. Access the [IDOE Instructional Frameworks](#), available in the Indiana Learning Lab, to learn more information regarding how the Indiana Academic Standards fit within this framework. Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

NEW: Science of Reading Experts Explain Series

Join IDOE and The Reading League Indiana from noon to 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, November 18, for the next live Experts Explain series with Dr. Janel Bowman. Dr. Bowman will present *Transcription: Handwriting, Spelling, and Keyboarding*. In this session, participants will dive into research and best practices forhandwriting, spelling, and keyboarding. All sessions will be recorded and shared in the Indiana Learning Lab. See registration details [here](#). Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Keys to Literacy No Cost Professional Development for Early Literacy Endorsement

IDOE’s Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development is available to current eligible Indiana educators who hold a valid professional educator license and teach in a content area that involves literacy instruction for PK-5 students. Eligible licensed Indiana educators may participate, at no cost, in Keys to Literacy. Registration is available [here](#) for those who are eligible, but space is limited. Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Early Literacy Professional Development Approval

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 the 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. AnFAQ with additional information regarding the early literacy endorsement can be found [here](#), and we will continue to add additional questions and answers as they arise. Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Monthly Data Interpretation Office Hours Acadience Reading Preferred Universal Screener

Acadience Learning, Inc. will host monthly office hours this fall to support school leaders and educators as they interpret the data from the state’s preferred screener. Office hours will begin at 10:30 a.m. ET and are scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, and Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Click [here](#) to join. Learn more information by visiting the Indiana Acadience webpage [here](#). Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

News from Our Partners

NEW: SCRIPT (District Computer Science Planning) Workshops

Are you ready to create a computer science (CS) and artificial intelligence (AI) implementation plan for your district? Strategic CSforALL Resource and Implementation Planning Tool (SCRIPT) is a nationally-recognized workshop format offered across the country to help districts prepare a custom strategic plan for K-12 CS and AI education. Nextech is offering virtual workshops where your team can meet and spend dedicated time to approach CS and AI for your students. Learn more about the opportunity [here](#). Contact [Stephanie Zircher](#) with any questions.

NEW: Nextech Navigate 2026

Modeled after a tech conference, Nextech Navigate is a virtual, computer science and artificial intelligence conference designed to inspire rising freshman (current grade eight students) and high school students. Nextech Navigate will give students opportunities to explore career paths in technology, learn more about Indiana careers and companies, and explore what’s next after high school. Use [this link](#) to register and learn more. Contact [Kerry Sensenbrenner](#) with any questions.

NEW: AP TIP November Remote Teacher Collaborative

The next round of Remote Teacher Collaboratives will be held on Tuesday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. ET. During Remote Teacher Collaboratives, teachers explore practical, high-impact instructional practices, share ideas and resources, and join a network of educators around the state. [View the topics for November and register online](#). Contact [Stephanie Kucsera](#) 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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