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Teacher Newsletter

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

Updated Computer Science Course Guidance

Pursuant to [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-32-4-18](#), IDOE and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) 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 CHE’s [Office of Career and Technical Education](#) with any questions.

Indiana Academic Standards Shift Professional Development

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 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 English/Language Arts and Math](#) to view the recorded training. Contact IDOE’s [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Instructional Frameworks for Indiana Academic Standards Now Available

IDOE developed and released new frameworks in alignment with the streamlined [2023 Indiana Academic Standards](#) for K-12 English/Language Arts, K-12 Mathematics, K-12 Social Studies, K-12 Science, K-8 Computer Science, and K-12 Integrated STEM to support educators in standards implementation, providing key areas of focus such as academic vocabulary, evidence statements, and instructional resources. Frameworks are available in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) and educators are encouraged to view the [Indiana Academics Standards Frameworks Training](#) for more details. Contact IDOE’s [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Assessment Updates

ILEARN Checkpoint 1 Data Question and Answer (Q&A) Recording and Slides

Educators are invited to view the recent ILEARN Checkpoint 1 Data Q&A [recording](#), [presentation slides](#), and [parking lot](#) to view the questions and answers that were addressed in the presentation. Contact

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

Test Windows, Calendar, Resources

Refer to the following resources as 2024-2025 test windows approach:

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- [Indiana Assessment Portal](#)
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Indiana Learning Lab

Licensing Verification and Information Center (LVIS) Now Integrated with the Indiana Learning Lab

Educators can now link their Indiana Learning Lab accounts with their LVIS accounts so all professional growth plan (PGP) points earned in the Learning Lab will automatically populate in LVIS for license renewal. More information can be found [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Licensing](#) for help with your LVIS account.

November Professional Development (PD) with IDOE

November PD with IDOE begins Wednesday, November 6, at 4 p.m. ET with *High Ability Identification for Underrepresented Populations*. View a full list of November 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.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Platforms in Indiana Series

Nine sessions from AI platforms being used in Indiana schools are [now available on demand](#) in the Indiana Learning Lab. Each featured platform was selected by at least one corporation during grant opportunities and met one or more of the iterations of IDOE's vendor requirements. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

Early Childhood Education Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Information Sessions

Indiana recently announced an [Early Childhood Education Registered Teacher Apprenticeship](#). Additional opportunities to join the program are available in January and fall of 2025. Join IDOE in the [Learning Lab](#) for informational sessions on apprenticeship funding on Monday, November 4, and stories from currently participating schools on Friday, November 8. The sessions will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. ET. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

Recognition Opportunities

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 IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#).

Early Literacy Endorsement

Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development (PD) & Praxis Voucher Request

Educators who hold an Indiana professional educator license can register [here](#) for the flexible [Keys to Literacy options](#). Educators planning to earn Indiana's Early Literacy Endorsement can follow the process outlined [here](#) to submit a request to verify completion of the approved 80 hours and request a Praxis voucher, if needed. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with questions.

Praxis 5205 Test At-Home Guidance

Educators using test vouchers (or any payment method) who want to use a school-owned computer to take at-home Praxis exams should review and confirm that the computer equipment and environment meet the test-at-home requirements and that network security settings will not block the test platform software. Please review the [At-Home Testing Requirements](#) to ensure the testing session will not be invalidated, thus requiring payment for another exam session. For support with Praxis, contact [ETS Praxis Customer Support](#) or 1-800-772-9476.

Student Pathways

Graduation Pathways Office Hours

Office hours are open to any educators with questions regarding current Graduation Pathways requirements. The next Office Hours will take place on Thursday, November 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ET. Information on dates, times, and links to join can be found [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities](#) with any questions.

Title Grants and Support

Save the Date for TitleCon 2025

TitleCon 2025 will bring together hundreds of Indiana educators including superintendents, principals, program administrators, teachers, and fiscal representatives from local education agencies (LEA), charter schools, and non-public schools across the state. This two-day conference on April 16 and 27, 2025, will feature keynote speakers and several breakout sessions designed to provide schools with programmatic and fiscal guidance to advance federal education programs in their respective communities. This year will also feature a pre-conference on April 15, 2025, to provide additional learning opportunities regarding student groups and additional specialty programs. More information regarding registration, hotel block information, and specific conference details will be provided soon.

News From Our Partners

Register for the 10th Annual Indiana STEM Education Conference

The Indiana STEM Education Conference is an opportunity for STEM teachers and schools to learn effective lessons, policies, partnerships, assessments, and education strategies. The conference will take place at Purdue University on January 16, 2025. This year's conference theme is "Generational Advances through STEM Education." Attendees can choose from over 60 presentations, network with STEM education sponsors, and listen to keynote speakers including NASA astronaut, Jerry Ross, and NASA engineer, Amy Ross! Lunch, refreshments, and Professional Growth Plan points are also included in the \$90 registration fee if you register by Friday, December 13, and \$110 if you register after this date. Visit [this website](#) to learn more about the conference and [register](#) to attend.

Register to Attend the 2025 Indiana Council of Teachers of English (ICTE) Spring Conference

The spring conference themed "*For the Love of Literacy*," invites educators, researchers, and literacy advocates to explore and celebrate the power of literacy in all its forms. This conference will feature dynamic presentations and workshops showcasing innovative strategies, research, and success stories aimed at fostering a lifelong love of reading and writing. Click [here](#) to submit a conference session proposal. [Click here](#) to register for this exciting event dedicated to empowering teachers and building vibrant literacy communities across Indiana. For more information please contact [Nikki Garland](#).

NEW FROM THE CENTRAL INDIANA CORPORATION PARTNERSHIP (CICP): See Yourself IN High School Summit

Join [CICP](#) and its five talent and industry sector initiatives for the See Yourself IN High School Summit on Thursday, November 21. Students will join us for a day of engaging panel discussions and hands-on demonstrations during the annual [See Yourself IN High School Summit](#). This free event shines a light on Indiana companies, leaders, and young talent working in the state's fastest-growing industries. Questions may be directed to [Hali Mynatt](#).

Upcoming Dates



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| Monday, November 4, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET | Early Childhood Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Information Session in the Indiana Learning Lab |
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| Thursday, November 21 | CICP: See Yourself IN High School Summit |
| January 16, 2025 | Indiana STEM Education Conference |
| April 16 and 17, 2025 | TitleCon |

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](#)



- 10/09/24 Hoosiers Encouraged to Share Feedback on Second Draft of Diploma Rule
- 10/02/24 Indiana Launches Early Childhood Education Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program

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