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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)

Aspiring Special Education Leadership Institute (ASELI) Applications Now Open

The Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) developed ASELI, a one-year leadership development program that prepares a diverse group of educators for special education leadership roles to improve outcomes for all students. ASELI is currently [accepting applications for cohort five](#). ASELI is composed of teachers, school psychologists, counselors, and principals from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds who aspire to be special education administrators and are committed to a career in special education leadership. ASELI is not available for currently-licensed special education directors. Contact [ICASE](#) or IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

LVIS360 Update

Educators applying for initial licenses or renewals in the next few months should log in to the updated LVIS360 system soon to link their LVIS legacy licensure data to their LVIS360 account. The new system requires users to create an Access Indiana account prior to accessing LVIS360. The Office of Educator Licensing recommends getting acquainted with the new login process and linking your new LVIS360 login to your legacy account now before the busy season for licensing starts in May. Administrators, please encourage your teachers to log in soon. Access the user portal [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Licensing](#) with any questions.

Literacy and STEM Support

Future-Focused Indiana Academic Standards (IAS) Courses Now Available: Social Studies, Science/Computer Science, Integrated STEM

The new future-focused IAS courses for [Social Studies](#), [Science and Computer Science Course](#), and [Integrated STEM](#) are available as asynchronous learning opportunities for educators to review new standards, progress monitoring, formative assessments, and leadership/coaching strategies. Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points are available for both courses upon completion. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

Literacy Endorsement Professional Development

Indiana educators with an existing pre-kindergarten through grade six or special education license are [invited to register](#) for a Keys to Literacy training cohort at no cost, to help them earn Indiana's Literacy

Endorsement. Eligible educators who participate in a Keys to Literacy training cohort can receive up to \$1,200 in stipends for completion of the course. Additional information can be found in [this memo](#) and educators can register [here](#). Contact the Literacy Center with any questions.

Assessment Updates

Spring Testing Reminders: ILEARN, SAT, I AM

IDOE's Office of Student Assessment provides the following reminders for teachers as they prepare for wrapping up [spring statewide assessments](#).

- ILEARN 3-8, Biology, and U.S. Government testing begins on Monday, April 15. Test Administrators (TAs) must ensure they have completed the TA Certification course, verified student demographic data, and prepared necessary materials prior to testing. More information and resources can be found on IDOE's [ILEARN webpage](#) and [Indiana Assessment Portal](#).
- The SAT School Day makeup testing window occurs from Monday, April 8, through Friday, April 19. Junior students who experienced testing irregularities approved for retesting and students who were absent during the primary testing window should participate in this administration. More information and resources can be found on IDOE's [High School Assessment webpage](#) and College Board's [Indiana Resources Google Drive](#).
 - Scores for students who submitted tests during the primary window from Monday, Math 4, through Friday, March 15, will be available to educators on Tuesday, April 2, and students on Thursday, April 4.
- I AM testing begins on Monday, April 1, for eligible students. TAs must ensure they have completed the I AM TA Certification course, verified student demographic and accommodations data, and prepared necessary materials prior to testing. More information and resources can be found on IDOE's [I AM webpage](#) and [Indiana Assessment Portal](#).

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

Assessment Question and Answer (Q&A) Sessions

IDOE will hold Q&A sessions for both SAT School Day makeup testing and ILEARN testing in April:

- [SAT School Day: Tuesday, April 2, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET](#)
- [SAT School Day: Wednesday, April 3, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET](#)
- [ILEARN: Tuesday, April 9, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET](#)
- [ILEARN: Thursday, April 11, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET](#)

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

Indiana Learning Lab

April Professional Development (PD) with IDOE

April PD with IDOE sessions begin on Wednesday, April 3, with "Hello Dolly! Getting More Books into the Hands of More Children" led by Katie Mullins, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana's Community Engagement Coordinator. View a full list of April 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.

Virtual Learning Professional Development Series - Supporting English Learners

Join us for Virtual Learning Essentials, a series of presentations from experts, researchers, and authors, featuring deep dives into essential elements of virtual learning. This series continues Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. ET, with "Supporting English Learners in Virtual Environments" by Kristina Robertson, multilingual learner teacher from Saint Paul Public Schools and contributor to *Colorín Colorado*. Register [here](#). Previous sessions are available in the [Indiana Learning Lab collection](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

Week of the Young Child® (WOYC) Activities and Resources

WOYC, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is from Saturday, April 6, through Friday, April 12, and is designed to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. IDOE developed this [resource and activity guide](#) and will host daily sessions in the Indiana Learning Lab for both educators and families. [Register here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with questions.

Additional Teaching & Learning Resources

Social Studies Frameworks for Grades Six through Eight Now Available

IDOE developed new frameworks in alignment with the streamlined 2023 Indiana Academic Standards for grades six through eight. Frameworks are designed to support educators in standards implementation, providing key areas of focus such as academic vocabulary, clarification statements, and instructional resources. Access these resources from the [2023 Social Studies Frameworks](#) collection in the Indiana Learning Lab. Kindergarten through grade five standards and the new middle school civics course are also available in the Learning Lab. Social studies frameworks for remaining courses will become available in the coming weeks. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) 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 Friday, April 26, through Sunday, May 12, at 9 p.m. ET. All certified Indiana Educators are eligible. Contact eel@doe.in.gov 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

Free Adolescent Literacy Half-Day Workshop: Monday, April 22

Building literacy skills through language comprehension and background knowledge can be hard to do, especially in upper grade classrooms where students' reading skills vary widely. Newsela and Keep Indiana Learning are hosting [This free workshop on Monday, April 22](#) to share instructional strategies that will build adolescent learners into skilled readers. Contact [Keep Indiana Learning](#) with questions.

2024 Indiana Early Childhood Conference

Kick off 2024 Week of the Young Child with the [2024 Indiana Early Childhood Conference](#) on Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6, at the Indiana Convention Center. Staff involved in a program that is state-licensed, registered, or certified, may qualify for a scholarship to attend. Learn more and register [here](#). Contact [Stefanie Brooks](#) at the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (INAEYC) with questions.

Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS) Science Learning Three-Dimensional Assessment Pilot Test

BSCS is [recruiting middle school science teachers to pilot test assessments](#) with students to investigate the validity of three-dimensional assessment tasks. Learn more about this opportunity and the launch of the new assessment website [here](#). Contact [BSCS Science Learning](#) with any questions.

University of Southern Indiana (USI) Quantitative Reasoning Conference

USI will host its annual Quantitative Reasoning Conference on Tuesday, June 11, and Wednesday, June 12, on the USI campus in Evansville. The conference is sponsored by a grant from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund and is intended for public high school teachers who offer a quantitative reasoning course or are planning to offer one in the future. Participating teachers will receive a \$240 stipend to attend and hotel accommodations will be provided for two nights for individuals who live more than 60 miles from Evansville. [Applications are due by Friday, May 3](#). Contact [Dr. Rick Hudson](#) at USI with any questions.

Upcoming Dates



Monday, April 1	I AM Testing Window Opens
Tuesday, April 2, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET	SAT School Day Q&A Session
Wednesday, April 3	Hello Dolly! Getting More Books into the Hands of More Children
Wednesday, April 3, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET	SAT School Day Q&A Session
Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6	2024 Indiana Early Childhood Conference
Saturday, April 6, through Friday, April 12	Week of the Young Child
Monday, April 8, through Friday, April 19	SAT School Day Make Up Testing Window
Tuesday, April 9, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET	ILEARN Q&A Session
Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. ET	Supporting English Learners in Virtual Environments
Thursday, April 11, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET	ILEARN Q&A Session
Monday, April 15	ILEARN 3-8, Biology, and U.S. Government Testing Window Opens
Monday, April 22	Adolescent Literacy Half-Day Workshop
Friday, April 26, through Sunday, May 12, at 9 p.m. ET	Education Excellence Awards for Individual Educators Nomination Window
Friday, July 5	2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year Applications Due
Tuesday, June 11, and Wednesday, June 12	USI Quantitative Reasoning Conference

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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- 03/27/24 Indiana Becomes First State to Significantly Redesign Diplomas
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