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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.

Indiana Literacy Center

NEW: Acadience Reading K-6 Updates for the New School Year

Join Acadience and IDOE’s Literacy Center for Acadience Office Hours, where platform managers, coaches, teachers, school leaders, and others involved in screening can connect live to ask questions and receive support. All sessions will be recorded, and links will be made available for future viewing. Join for “[Acadience: Back to School for Teachers](#),” on Wednesday, August 5, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. ET. Additionally, Literacy Lab recordings are coming soon and will offer deeper guidance on using Acadience data to drive instruction. Contact IDOE’s [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

STEM Support

NEW: Public Comment Window for K-12 Mathematics Standards and Content Connectors

Committees of K-12 and postsecondary mathematics educators convened to recommend updates to the Indiana Academic Standards and Content Connectors for K-12 Mathematics. The draft standards and content connectors are available for public comment now through 11:45 p.m. ET next Friday, August 7. Stakeholders can access and provide feedback on the draft standards and content connectors via [this Jotform](#). This input will be used to refine standards, and final recommendations will be presented to the Indiana State Board of Education later this year. Please contact IDOE’s [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with questions.

NEW: Teach Computer Science (CS) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) - On Demand Workshops

July’s computer science (CS) workshops are now available on demand.

- [New Resources for NLPS 4565: Computing Foundations for a Digital Age](#)
- [Strengthening CS Instruction through Frameworks and Item Specifications](#)

The next session: “How is CS changing with AI | Expert Panel” will be on Tuesday, September 2, at 3 p.m. ET. [Register here](#) and contact IDOE’s [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with any questions.

NEW: Mathematics Resources Added to Indiana’s Learning Lab

IDOE’s Office of Curriculum and Instruction has updated [Indiana’s Tiered System of Supports for Mathematics Collection](#), adding new resources including sample intervention schedules for kindergarten through grade five and grades six through eight. Two additional collections are now available in the Indiana Learning Lab:

- [Math Instructional Routines](#), which offers K-12 resources to support daily math instruction.
- [Math Lesson Planning-The Math Block](#), which provides K-12 guidance for lesson planning and instructional timing.

Contact IDOE’s [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with any questions.

NEW: Effective Teaching Practices for Mathematics Resource

IDOE has created a new resource, [Effective Teaching Practices for Mathematics: IDOE Info and Resources](#), to provide Indiana mathematics educators and leaders with actionable guidance for implementing the eight effective teaching practices as defined by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). This resource connects each practice to Indiana-specific resources such as professional learning courses, webinars, and more. Please contact IDOE’s [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with any questions.

Assessment Updates

NEW: Universal Mathematics Screener Guidance for Kindergarten through Grade Two

IDOE has released the [Universal Mathematics Screener Guidance for Kindergarten through Grade Two](#) to support the implementation of the 2026-2027 mathematics legislation on universal mathematics screeners and tiered intervention. Resources include an [Individual Mathematics Plan](#) template for documenting student needs, interventions, and progress, along with strategies for [intensifying Tier I instruction](#). An editable Individual Math Plan is available in the resources section of the guidance. Contact IDOE’s [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

NEW: ILEARN Through-Year Mathematics Guidance

IDOE has released the [ILEARN Through-Year Mathematics Guidance: Using Checkpoint Data to Identify and Support All Students \(Grades 3-8\)](#) to the implementation of the 2026-2027 mathematics legislation on tiered intervention. Resources include an [Individual Mathematics Plan](#) template for documenting student needs, interventions, and progress; guidance on beginning intervention cycles prior to Checkpoint 1; and strategies for [intensifying Tier I instruction](#). An editable Individual Math Plan is available in the resources section of the guidance. Contact IDOE’s [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

Additional News from Curriculum and Instruction

REMINDER: High Ability Differentiation Series

Join IDOE and high ability experts this summer for the Unlocking Potential: High Ability Differentiation Series in the Indiana Learning Lab. High ability educators, coordinators, and administrators are invited to [register now](#) for the remaining sessions in the series. Educators unable to attend the first session can now access the [recording and presentation](#). Sessions will address common myths about high ability learners, practical differentiation resources for supporting high ability learners in grades five to eight math and kindergarten to grade four reading, and strategies for supporting multilingual high ability learners. Contact IDOE’s [Office of Curriculum and Instruction: High Ability](#) with any questions.

News From Our Partners

NEW from Indiana Sports Corp: Team Up for Literacy's Four Quarters of Reading

Gear Up for the school year and basketball season with [Team Up for Literacy's](#) Four Quarters of Reading powered by Pacers Sports & Entertainment. This reading challenge is available for students in grades kindergarten to grade three. Teachers, literacy coaches, and librarians are encouraged to sign up their classes for a competitive reading challenge with chances to win Pacers giveaways, access to literacy resources, and school celebrations. Registration opens this August and classes will log minutes September through December. Register your class in Beanstack by visiting [Indianasportscorp.beanstack.org](#). Contact Indiana Sports Corp for questions at [community@indianasportscorp.org](#).



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 \(I-STEM\)](#)
- [Indiana Learning Lab](#)
- [Indiana Literacy Cadre](#)
- [Teacher of the Year](#)

Weekly Updates

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