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An Update From the Indiana Department of Education for May 19, 2023

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Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

The month of May often feels like a sprint for many of us working within our school districts across the state. As the school year winds down and summer nears, it's an exciting time in Indiana, especially as we celebrate our high school graduates.

At several events recently, I had the opportunity to not only recognize some of our impressive Indiana senior students, but also, on many occasions, a senior selected a teacher who was most influential on their educational journey. Anytime a student calls out an educator who changed their life, it reaffirms exactly *why* we do this work.

Thank you for everything you do for our students. And congratulations to the class of 2023!

Having received quite a few requests from high schools across the state, please feel free to use the video message below as you honor the class of 2023 by incorporating it into your celebrations this month and next.



Office of Accountability

REMINDER: May Office Hours

Please join the Office of Accountability to discuss *signing off on your data* on Wednesday, May 24, at 1 p.m. ET. The link to the Microsoft Teams meeting, question form, and presentation handout can be found in the Accountability & Accreditation Community in Moodle (Enrollment Key is [AccountabilityCommunity](#)). Contact the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) [Office of Accountability](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: School and Corporation Profile Amendment Window

The school and corporation profile amendment submission window for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. In order to ensure IDOE maintains accurate information, all schools and corporations must provide notice when changes are made that affect school openings, closures, and reconfigurations. Information on the submission process can be found [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Accountability](#) with any questions.

Office of Student Assessment

NEW: ILEARN Biology & U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) Spring Testing Window Closes Today, Friday, May 19

The ILEARN Biology and U.S. Government ECA Spring 2023 test administration closes today, Friday, May 19, for all students. Schools must also ensure that all paper test books are shipped to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for scoring. Preliminary results are populating within the Centralized Reporting System (CRS), and Individual Student Reports (ISRs) should be shared with students and families in a timely manner. Contact the [Indiana Assessment Help Desk](#) with questions regarding student results or returning paper materials.

NEW: ILEARN Rescore Request Window Now Open

The [Rescore Request Window](#) allows students and their families to meet and request a rescore for open-ended ILEARN 3-8 and ILEARN Biology ECA test items. Schools must manage this process locally, ensuring parents are notified of student results and presented with this legislatively-required opportunity, noting that rescore requests may result in an increased, decreased, or unchanged scale score. The window is open through Friday, June 2. More information and links to a sample parent letter and policy guidance can be found [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

NEW: Fall 2023 PSAT/NMSQT Administration Guidance

IDOE provides funds for grade 10 and 11 students to participate in the [fall 2023 administration of the PSAT/NMSQT](#). This year, the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered in College Board's new digital format. The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered during an expanded testing window from Monday, October 9, through Friday, October 27, allowing schools greater flexibility in scheduling their testing. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with additional questions.

NEW: SAT School Day Results Available to Educators Today, Friday, May 19

High school educators and administrators with students who participated in the SAT School Day can now access results via the K-12 Reporting Portal. Instructions for obtaining Educator Score Reports can be found [here](#). Contact your corporation's data admissions manager if you are unable to access this reporting. Contact [College Board](#) with additional questions.

REMINDER: ILEARN Blueprint Committee Applications Close Today, Friday, May 19

IDOE's Office of Student Assessment is seeking educators/instructional coaches, special populations educators (special education and English learners), and curriculum-focused administrators for the upcoming ILEARN Blueprint Committees. ILEARN blueprints will be updated to include streamlined standards and assessment redesign features. There will be one committee for English/language arts (ELA) and another for mathematics. Participants focusing on mathematics will meet on Wednesday, June 14, and those focusing on ELA will meet on Thursday, June 15, for in-person meetings in Indianapolis. Interested participants may [apply here](#) by today, Friday, May 19. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions regarding this opportunity..

REMINDER: Summer 2023 IREAD-3 Retest Window Opens Monday, May 22

Students in grades three and above who still require a passing score for IREAD-3 should participate in the summer retest window, open Monday, May 22, through Friday, June 30. Schools are encouraged to work with parents when scheduling the retest for students. Corporation Test Coordinators (CTCs) must ensure that all Test Administrators (TAs) have the appropriate materials the day of testing, including the [IREAD-3 Test Administrator's Manual \(TAM\)](#), and Secure Segment 1 Script for all students. TAs must use the IREAD-3 Read Aloud Scripts for fixed-form paper-and-pencil assessments for any students whose formal plan requires a human reader and paper test. These scripts are available in the CTC's Secure Inbox in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). Review the [IREAD-3 Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) prior to administration and contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Literacy Remediation and Support for Students Who Did Not Pass IREAD-3

IDOE strongly encourages corporations to consider summer remediation programs for grade two and grade three students who did not pass IREAD-3 during the spring administration. Students who did not pass IREAD-3 this spring should receive additional support on foundational reading skills and reading comprehension to ensure lifelong access to other content prior to consideration for Good Cause Exemptions. Please review this [memo](#) for remediation guidance, Good Cause Exemption (GCE) considerations, and science of reading resources. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions

REMINDER: Annual Principal Survey Regarding Initial Educator License Holders

Indiana Code 20-28-11.5-9 requires a principal at each school corporation, charter school, and virtual school to complete an annual survey for any teacher employed in the building who was *initially licensed in Indiana during the previous two years*. The purpose of the survey is to assess the quality of preparation provided by the Indiana educator preparation program the teacher completed for licensure. A survey is not required for those who completed an out-of-state program for initial licensure. More information and the 2023 survey can be accessed [here](#). Select “Complete the Survey” and **enter the access code provided via email**. The survey will remain open until Monday, August 1. Contact [Scott Bogan](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Indiana STEM Educator Expansion Program (I-STEM) Registration Now Available

IDOE is partnering with Educational Service Centers (ESCs) of Indiana to launch the I-STEM partnership. I-STEM provides support for both currently licensed teachers in non-STEM areas and prospective teachers who are not licensed and hold a bachelor’s degree to become licensed to teach in a STEM content area. IDOE has identified eligible STEM content areas as life science, chemistry, earth/space science, physics, physical science, computer science, technology education, and mathematics. Click [here](#) for more information and registration. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Nominations Now Open for the 2023 Educational Excellence Awards

Up to \$5 million will be awarded to schools across the state to celebrate their progress and achievement in supporting student excellence and growth. Award winners will be honored at the second annual Indiana Educational Excellence Awards Gala in Indianapolis on Friday, September 8. More information can be found [here](#). To be considered for an award, schools and educators can complete a nomination form [here](#) by Friday, June 9. For more information, contact the [Office of Educator Talent](#).

REMINDER: Nominations Open for Distinguished Educators Recognition

IDOE's Office of Educator Talent is looking for confidential recommendations of teachers representing the very best educators in Indiana. These emerging leaders must have between five and 15 years of experience, demonstrate leadership beyond the classroom, and positively impact school culture and student achievement. Superintendents and principals may submit recommendations [here](#). Nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 26. Contact [Rebecca Estes](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: 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 [Anne Marie Milligan](#).

REMINDER: Fall Average Daily Membership (ADM) Count Set to Monday, October 2

House Bill 1001 moved the fall ADM count day to October 1, or a date determined by the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE), to align with the federal pupil enrollment count, eliminate redundant counting of students, and reduce administrative burden on schools. In response to this statutory change, SBOE has set the fall 2023 ADM count day to Monday, October 2. The Data Exchange system will begin to accept data at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Schools should work to review and correct data prior to the October certification. Additionally, IDOE is moving all data certifications previously due in September to October to reduce annual data certifications to five instead of six. Contact the [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: School Financial Reports Now Available Through EdData

Schools can now access seven financial reports, including the *Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and Expenditures by Object* reports via IDOE's [EdData platform](#). The reports are available under the Finance Dashboard tile. Please note the content of these reports has not changed. Contact form9@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Student Academic Record Collection

Changes implemented for reporting course enrollments (student academic record replacing course completion collection) and outcomes will impact all schools that report course-level data to IDOE. These updates are occurring to improve the completeness of academic records for each student, to support metrics on the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard, and to monitor Graduation Pathways progress. The full memo is available [here](#) and the related FAQ document is available [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

NEW: 2023-2024 School Year Membership Count Dates

Please read this [memo](#) regarding the 2023-2024 school year membership count dates. Contact the [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Annual Office of School Finance Budget Workshop

The annual Office of School Finance Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 28, at the Pike Performing Arts Center in Indianapolis, beginning at 9 a.m. ET. The workshop should conclude by noon. Participants can attend the workshop in-person, watch it virtually, or view a recorded version at a later date. More information and a link to registration will be shared next week. Contact the [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: School Improvement Plans

The submission window for Comprehensive Needs Assessment/School Improvement Plans (CNA/SIP) is now open. Use of the state CNA/SIP template fulfills all requirements under state law and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and/or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ASTI). Submissions are due by Friday, October 6. This [memo](#) provides additional information, including links to the CNA/SIP Google doc and CNA/SIP template. Please contact IDOE's [Office of School Support and Transformation](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Student Learning Recovery Grant - Expanding What Works

The Expanding What Works program promotes regional partnerships between community organizations, local non-profits, municipal partners, and/or local school corporations to replicate the successful [Indy Summer Learning Labs](#) at a regional level. This competitive grant program will prioritize applicants that demonstrate a commitment to partnering with the Lavinia Group to implement a high-quality, research-based summer learning curriculum and fidelity to the core design principles of the Indy Summer Learning Labs. More information and applications are available [here](#). Contact CommunityLearningGrant@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Annual 1003 Flexibility Waivers

IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation is now [accepting applications](#) for 1003 flexibility waivers. Flexibility through waivers is offered to help support schools in their design efforts to improve student performance and outcomes, help to improve the efficiency of school operations, and to help promote innovative educational approaches to student learning. Interested officials can read more about the opportunity in [this memo](#) and the [Flexibility Guide for Indiana's K-12 Schools](#) document. Additionally, a recording of the informational webinar can be found [here](#), and answers to frequently asked questions can be found [here](#). Applications are now open and will be accepted on a rolling basis through Friday, June 2.

Applications will be reviewed in three rounds:

	Review period	Request for information timeline	Recommendation sent to the State Board of Education
Round One	Friday, February 10, through Friday, March 17	Monday, March 13, through Wednesday, March 29	June
Round Two	Monday, March 20, through Friday, April 28	Monday, April 24, through Wednesday, May 10	June
Round Three	Monday, May 1, through Friday, June 2	Tuesday, May 30, through Wednesday, June 14	July

Contact [Georgia Watson](#) with any questions.

NEW: Crossing the Finish Line – Top 10 High Schools for Enrollments

For the third consecutive summer, high schools across the state are partnering with IDOE, the Commission for Higher Education (CHE), Governor's Workforce Cabinet (GWC), and higher education institutions to help more students earn a credential of value. Research shows that increased levels of educational attainment positively impact students' future quality of life, health, living wage, employment, and sustained earning. Through the [Crossing the Finish Line initiative](#), eligible students can receive free tuition and books at Ivy Tech or Vincennes University (fees are also covered). To date, **over 2,500 students** have registered for classes this summer...and this number continues to grow by the day! Here's a look at the top 10 schools across the state with students participating, in proportion to their overall student population.

1. Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation Early College High School
2. BELIEVE Circle City High School
3. Batesville High School
4. Rising Sun High School
5. East Central High School
6. Eastern High School
7. Wapahani High School
8. South Dearborn High School
9. Silver Creek High School
10. Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School

NEW: 2023-2024 (FY24) High Ability Grant Allocation Amounts

The 2023-2024 (FY24) High Ability Grant Allocation amounts were sent to superintendents, treasurers, and high ability coordinators on Wednesday, May 17. Included in the notification email were important reminders about the High Ability Evaluations and 2023-2024 Program Plans that were due via Jotform on Tuesday, May 16. Please be sure to read the instructions carefully and make any necessary corrections to your program plan as soon as possible. If you have already submitted this JotForm accurately, no corrections are needed and you will receive a confirmation email on Thursday, June 1. Contact highability@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: 2023-2024 School Year Graduation Pathways Eligible Certification List

The updated list of industry certifications eligible for Graduation Pathways for the 2023-2024 school year has been published by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) in partnership with IDOE, GWC, and CHE. The approved list can be found on IDOE's [Graduation Pathways webpage](#) and is available for download [here](#). Contact DOEGradPathways@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: May Graduation Pathways Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the final Graduation Pathways webinar of the 2022-2023 school year on Thursday, May 25, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams. The topic of

this important meeting is Graduation & INTERS End of Year Reporting requirements and deadlines that you must know to ensure your data is accurate and your school is compliant. Please bring questions to the meeting for the IDOE Accountability and Student Pathways Teams and the Office of CTE. Please use this [link](#) to join. Contact DOEGradpathways@doe.in.gov with any questions.

Office of Student, School, and Family Engagement

REMINDER: Youth Emerging Stronger (YES!) Summit

The Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, IDOE, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction, North Central Health Services, and the Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte will host the first YES! Summit on Wednesday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Noblesville. Mental health and substance use challenges are on the rise among young people, and their emotional well-being is on the decline. COVID-19 exacerbated these trends, which have developed over the last decade. The YES! Summit will address these challenges by bringing together hundreds of Indiana school leaders, education stakeholders, and funders to develop a roadmap for expanding evidence-based prevention and mental health support within K-12 schools. Find additional information and register to attend the YES! Summit [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Student, School, and Family Engagement](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Project AWARE Goes to the Park

During the month of May, Hoosier students and families can prioritize their mental wellness by participating in Project AWARE Goes to the Park at any local Indiana State Park! Visit your nearest State Park's Visitor Center to pick up a [self-led activity guide](#) and complete a short, fun activity. Once completed, participants can enter for a chance to win park swag. Contact info@projectawarein.org with any questions.

Office of Student Support and Accessibility/Special Education

NEW: Summer Learning Opportunities with Indiana Learns

Indiana Learns continues its mission of providing high dosage tutoring to eligible students by offering additional learning opportunities this summer. Families can check eligibility, create an account, and sign up for services through the [Indiana Learns family platform](#). More information can be found on IDOE's [Indiana Learns webpage](#). Contact [Seana Murphy](#) with Indiana Learns for additional support.

NEW: Post-School Outcomes Survey

IDOE's Office of Special Education is seeking corporations interested in obtaining new data to share IDOE's Post-School Outcome Survey via phone and email with former students that meet this criteria. Participating corporations will be provided with contact information for students eligible to complete the survey. Survey responses returned to IDOE will be shared with schools as part of the 2023 Results Driven Accountability (RDA) release. Corporations with this technology interested in sharing the Post-School Outcomes Survey in June and July may contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education monitoring team](#) for additional information.

UPDATE: Register for Get Your Teach On Summer Teacher & Leader Conferences

IDOE and [Get Your Teach On](#) are offering four free conferences at locations throughout Indiana this summer! Conferences will take place at the following locations:

- Monday, July 10, and Tuesday, July 11: Jasper High School, Jasper
- Thursday, July 13, and Friday, July 14: Decatur Central High School, Indianapolis (Waitlist for teacher conference)
- Monday, July 17, and Tuesday, July 18: Southside Middle School, Muncie
- Thursday, July 20, and Friday, July 21: Washington High School, South Bend

This year, the professional development experiences for teachers and administrators will occur at the same time and location. Educators will attend a Two-Day Teacher Experience from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET each day. Leaders will attend a One-Day Administrator Experience from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on the first day of the conference. All locations have a maximum capacity of 500 educators and 250 leaders. [Register](#) before they fill up! Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Support and Accessibility](#) with questions.

REMINDER: Nominate Students with Disabilities for Student Transition Cadre

IDOE's Office of Special Education is seeking youth with disabilities between 14 and 22 years old to join in providing feedback and improvement strategies for graduation, transition planning, and transition IEPs for the Student Transition Cadre. Students will meet once prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year and throughout the 2023-2024 school year. To nominate a student for the Indiana Student Transition Cadre, please complete this [Jotform](#) by Friday, May 26. Students will be contacted directly by IDOE for next steps. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Upcoming Evaluation Roster (EV Roster) Office Hours

IDOE's Office of Special Education will host office hours for local education agencies to receive assistance with ensuring that Data Exchange information for the upcoming EV submission is accurate. Select the link below to join a specific session.

- [Monday, May 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET](#)
- [Wednesday, May 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. ET](#)
- [Wednesday, May 24, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET](#)
- [Tuesday, May 30, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET](#)
- [Thursday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to noon ET](#)

Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

Offices of Teaching and Learning, Digital Learning, and Kindergarten Readiness

NEW: High School Credit for Courses Completed Prior to Grade Nine

In response to recent educator and administrator feedback, IDOE reissued [this guidance](#) regarding schools' ability to award high school credit for coursework completed by students prior to grade nine, pursuant to 511 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 6-7.1. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

NEW: Kindergarten Enrollment Guidance for Schools & Families

In Indiana, a school corporation is required to provide a kindergarten program for eligible students that are five years old on or before August 1 of the school year. However, a school corporation may enroll a student who is five by October 1, and still receive average daily membership (ADM) funding. IDOE provides the following [school enrollment guidance](#) and [Kindergarten Entrance Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) for more information. Families are provided with additional [Kindergarten Enrollment FAQs](#). All documents may be found on IDOE's [Kindergarten webpage](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

NEW: Tips from the Field - Digital Learning Leadership Cadre Sessions

The Digital Learning Leadership Cadre's series *Tips from the Field* features educators from across the state presenting on key components of blended and online learning. Sessions from the first phase of this series are all available on-demand in the Indiana Learning Lab:

- [Creating a Digital Environment with Intention: Blended Learning](#)
- [Creating a Digital Environment with Intention: Asynchronous Learning](#)
- [Creating a Digital Environment with Intention: Synchronous Learning](#)
- ["Fix-er Up!" on IDTV: Instructional Design](#)
- [Be Data Driven: Strategies for Personalized Learning](#)

The next phase of this series will begin this summer. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

UPDATED: Upcoming May Professional Development (PD) with IDOE

May PD with IDOE continues next week with *How Can INvestED Benefit Indiana Educators and Students?* View a full list of the [May 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 website](#) directly and use your school email to log in. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Required STEM Curriculum Survey Now Available

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-20-5.5-2(h), IDOE will conduct a statewide survey to determine what curricular materials have been adopted for teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in each state-accredited school. **A designee from each public school corporation, public charter school, and state-accredited non-public school is required to complete [this survey](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, June 16.** If a school corporation maintains consistent curriculum adoption across grade levels and schools within the corporation, then only a single submission for the corporation is required. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: 2023-2024 Reading Plan and Dyslexia Reporting Submissions Due Friday, June 30

511 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 6.2-3.1 requires all public and accredited non-public schools with students enrolled in kindergarten through grade three to complete and submit an elementary reading plan

to IDOE by close of business on Friday, June 30. IDOE's Literacy Center released the new [Reading Plan Guidance](#) to assist with this requirement.

- Public schools will use this [form](#).
- Accredited non-public schools will use this [form](#).

In addition to the reading plan, IC 20-35.5 requires all public schools to report dyslexia screening data from the 2022-2023 school year. Accredited non-public schools are not required to submit data, but have the option to report. Charter schools will use this [form](#) for dyslexia reporting dyslexia screening data. The submission window is open through Friday, June 30. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with additional questions or for additional guidance.

Office of Title Grants and Support

NEW: Schoolwide Programs (SWP) Application

If your corporation has schools that are not currently operating as an SWP, please see [this memo](#) for additional information and the 2023-2024 school year application. A list of currently approved SWP schools can be reviewed [here](#). Additional information and resources will be available in Moodle in the coming weeks. Applications are due Friday, June 23. Contact TitleI@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: FY 2024 (FFY23) Federal Grants Pre-Application

The FY24 Federal Grants Pre-Application is now available via [Moodle](#). Please ensure that you are enrolled in the "Title Grants Pre-App" course to access the Pre-Application document, as well as several key resources including required consultation forms. The Title Grants and Support team is updating Pre-Application resources including section guidance videos, disparity reports, and the April 2023 Coffee Chat recording. Upon opening the Pre-Application Microsoft Word document, you will be prompted to enter a password. Please open the "read only" version and save the document using the requested naming convention. This will allow you to edit all necessary sections. The FY24 Pre-Application should be submitted via [JotForm](#) no later than Saturday, July 1. Contact TitleI@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Bipartisan Safer Communities Act - Stronger Connections Grant (BSCA - SCG)

IDOE will release the application for BSCA:SCG funds by end of day on Monday, May 15. Eligibility for this grant is determined by Title IV eligibility and abides by the same guidelines as Title IV. For more information on BSCA:SCG funds and the application process, please visit the [Title IV Moodle](#) page. Contact TitleIV@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Title Grants and Support Monthly Coffee Chats

Grab your favorite cup of coffee and join the Title Grants and Support team for monthly Coffee Chats. Chats have moved to the last Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. ET. The link will always be the same. Join us via Microsoft Teams [here](#). This month's topic covers the Next Gen SIG Grant with a question and answer session at the end. Contact TitleI@doe.in.gov with any questions or suggestions for topics.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM MARIAN UNIVERSITY: 21st Century Scholars Summer Camp

Marian University's 21st Century Scholars Summer Camp is open to high school 21st Century Scholars students to compete scholar track requirements. Summer Camp will take place Monday, June 26, through Wednesday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Contact rhardin@marian.edu with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE LILLY ENDOWMENT: Renewal Grants for Indiana K-12 Educators

The Lilly Endowment is pleased to announce the 37th round of its Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program (TCFP). This program supports educators throughout Indiana by providing resources for them to take time for meaningful renewal. The Endowment believes that through new experiences, exploration, and reflection educators can generate renewed energy in their careers, innovative approaches to teaching and educational leadership, and thoughtful ways to encourage students' creative thinking. The Endowment expects to award approximately 100 grants, each totaling up to \$15,000, in 2024. The application deadline is 5 p.m. ET on Monday, September 11. Three information sessions will be held on:

- Wednesday, May 31
- Tuesday, August 8
- Thursday, August 10

To learn more or register for one of these sessions, visit the [Lilly Endowment website](#). Contact Lilly Endowment staff at teachercreativity@lei.org with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION: Grant Available for Field Trips to State Parks

Indiana schools are invited to apply for [Discover the Outdoors grants](#), from the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, which financially supports school field trips to Indiana State Parks. These grants provide students with hands-on activities to learn about natural resources and explore Indiana's unique natural and cultural areas. Educators work directly with interpreters at properties to develop a curriculum for the visit that benefits their students. Applications are open through June 30. All school types and grades are eligible for this grant. Contact DiscoverOutdoorsGrants@dnr.IN.gov with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE NATIONAL ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NAEA): 2023 Annual Conference

The NAEA will host its 29th Annual National Alternative Education Association conference from Monday, October 16, through Wednesday, October 18, at the Marriott Tampa Water Street in Tampa, Florida. [Registration](#) is now open. NAEA is a 100% volunteer organization dedicated to information sharing, professional development practice, public policy, and advocacy for alternative learning and teaching. Contact executivedirector@the-naea.org with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S HOMELESS YOUTH LEGAL NETWORK: Art Project for Young People With Lived Homeless Experience

The American Bar Association's Homeless Youth Legal Network is leading the drafting and publication of a resource for state-level advocates with model state statutes supporting youth and young adults

experiencing housing instability. This second edition will be drafted in collaboration with national, state, and local partners, and will be available in October 2023. Submissions are now open for cover designs and cover art from youth advocates with lived experience of housing instability up to age 25. Please encourage youth advocates to submit their very own cover design/art by Saturday, July 1. One design will be chosen for the publication's cover, and the artist will receive a \$200 gift card. Submissions and questions should be sent to [Kelly Russo](#).



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