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Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update

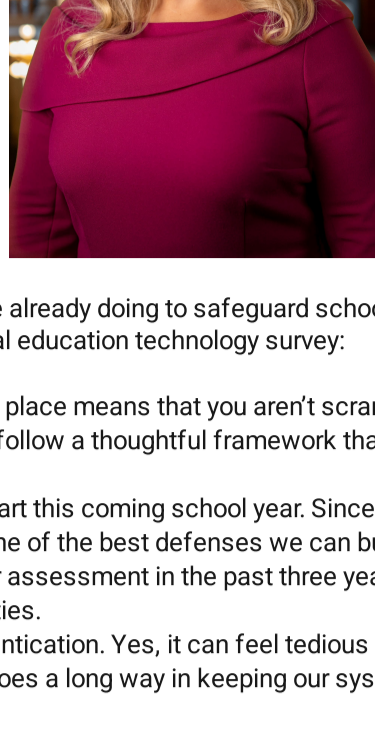
Weekly Newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education

June 5, 2026

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

It is very timely that June is National Internet Safety Month. The topic of internet safety covers a lot...from helping students build strong digital literacy skills...to protecting them from the dangers of social media and cyberbullying. It also means keeping our own devices and data secure from cyber threats. This month, we are going to highlight several aspects of internet safety but today I want to focus on the cyber threats that are becoming all too familiar.

Whether at home or at school, cyber threats are real and they are becoming increasingly sophisticated. When an attack hits, it can disrupt classrooms, communities, and even hurt our national security. Many of you are familiar with the recent Canvas data breach impacting K-12 schools and higher education institutions across the country, including right here in Indiana. This incident is yet another example underscoring the importance of continued vigilance and proactive preparation.



In recognition of Internet Safety Month, and in acknowledgment of the work you're already doing to safeguard school systems and sensitive data, here's a quick look at what you shared in our spring 2026 annual education technology survey:

- **More than 75% of schools** have an incident response plan. Having a plan in place means that you aren't scrambling when something unexpected happens...you're able to make decisions and follow a thoughtful framework that was developed at a time when things were calm.
- **About 85% of schools** either conduct regular phishing simulations or will start this coming school year. Since phishing is one of the most common attack methods, giving staff regular practice is one of the best defenses we can build.
- **Nearly half of school corporations** have completed a cybersecurity audit or assessment in the past three years. Not only is this required by state law, it's also an effective way to identify vulnerabilities.
- And here's a big one: **nearly all Indiana schools** are using multi-factor authentication. Yes, it can feel tedious in the moment, but as my IT team likes to remind me, that minor inconvenience goes a long way in keeping our systems – and our people – safe.

As you continue strengthening your cybersecurity posture, I want to highlight several **FREE** resources available to schools. Take a moment to look through these, and if you haven't conducted an external cybersecurity assessment in the last three years, now is a great time to get that on your team's radar.

- [Incident Response Plan Template](#) and [Disaster Recovery Plan Template](#) built for Indiana.
- [Cybersecurity Assessment](#) from Cybertrack (Purdue and IU Joint Team) designed for public sector organizations.
- [CrowdStrike Falcon Complete Interest Survey](#) lets the state know you are interested in Managed Detection and Response Threat Monitoring for all staff workstations.
- [KnowBe4](#) allows schools to receive cybersecurity awareness training and phishing simulations for staff.
- [Udemy](#) provides intermediate to advanced cybersecurity training for central office staff and technology department.
- [IDOE School Cybersecurity Moodle](#) is open to any school employee with cybersecurity leadership or technical responsibilities. It provides updated vulnerability information, a discussion board for private cybersecurity discussions, and Cybersecurity Task Force resources. The code to join can be requested from bhagg@doe.in.gov.
- [Indiana Cybersecurity Hub](#) hosts resources like the [Indiana Cyber Blog](#), [Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit](#) and the [Cybersecurity Insurance Toolkit](#).
- [Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency \(CISA\) K12 Cybersecurity](#), America's cyber defense agency, provides resources such as the [K12 Cybersecurity Report](#) and [Toolkit](#), [Stop Ransomware Resources](#), and [Secure By Design](#).

Thank you for continuing to make cybersecurity a priority, and as always, thank you for all that you do for our Hoosier students!

Office of Accountability

REMINDER: 2026 Cohort Locking Soon

The 2026 cohort will lock on Tuesday, June 30. Please check your cohort reports for accuracy and pay special attention to any students with an Unknown cohort status. The Unknown cohort status is a dropout status and counts against the graduation rate. Many Unknown cohort statuses can be corrected by the school/corporation via data entries. Additional cohort-specific details can be found in the [Cohort & Graduation Rate](#) section of the [School Accountability & Accreditation Community](#) on Moodle. The case-sensitive enrollment key for the Moodle community is [AccountabilityCommunity](#). Contact the Indiana Department of Education's [Office of School Accountability](#) with any questions.

Office of Assessment

NEW: WIDA ACCESS Final Results Release

The WIDA ACCESS 2026 final results release is this Wednesday, June 10, in [WIDA AMS](#) Reporting Services. Following post-reporting data validation, updated data files and electronic reports will be available to districts, schools, and affected students. This reporting is final. No additional data corrections can be requested or made. If you have questions regarding results, contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) or [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#).

REMINDER: 2026-2027 Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant Guidance and Application

Eligible corporations, charter schools, and non-public schools may apply [here](#) for the Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant for the 2026-2027 school year. Public school corporations must complete this application at the district level. Charter schools and accredited non-public schools (including Choice schools and schools that are part of a diocese) must complete this application at the school level. The [2026-2027 Formative \(Interim\) Assessment Grant Guidance](#) should be reviewed prior to submitting an application. All applications are due Friday, June 12, by 11:59 p.m. ET. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

Office of Curriculum and Instruction, Digital Learning, and Kindergarten Readiness

NEW: Tiered System of Supports Live Series Session #3 - The Value of Strong Tier I Math Instruction in K-8, Slides, Recording, and Parking Lot Now Available

Educators and administrators unable to attend the Tiered System of Supports Live Series Session #3: The Value of Strong Tier I Math Instruction in K-8 Webinar can now access the [recording](#), [slides](#), and [parking lot questions and answers](#) for the session held on Tuesday, May 26. The FAQ is also available. Contact IDOE's [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with any questions.

NEW: Internet Safety Month

National Internet Safety Month is observed every June to raise awareness and promote secure digital practices. IDOE is proud to support this effort through an Internet Safety Month Speaker Series. Information about upcoming sessions will be shared soon. Live sessions from expert speakers and curated resources in the Indiana Learning Lab align directly with [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-30-6.1-4](#) to provide educators, families, and students internet safety education. Check out the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) through the month of June for internet safety sessions. Contact IDOE's [Digital Learning Team](#) with any questions.

NEW: 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 first two sessions in the series. Session one, held Thursday, July 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. ET, will explore the science of reading for all learners. Session two, scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET, will address common myths about high ability learners and strategies to meet their unique needs in the classroom. Contact IDOE's [Office of Curriculum and Instruction: High Ability](#) with any questions.

Office of Educator Licensing

REMINDER: Educator Licensing Office Hours

Connect with IDOE's Office of Educator Licensing team and ask questions by joining virtual office hours on [Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. ET](#) and [Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ET](#). School personnel may join these open calls at any time to receive support from IDOE's Office of Educator Licensing.

Office of Educator Preparation

NEW: Stakeholders Needed for Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Math Standards Revision Process

IDOE is launching a periodic review and revision of the Indiana Content Standards for Educators in Middle School Mathematics (5-9) and Mathematics (5-12) to ensure EPPs reflect current expectations for future teachers. IDOE's Office of Higher Education and Educator Preparation Programs is recruiting educators and other stakeholders to serve on a review committee; interested individuals should complete and submit [this form](#) by Friday, June 19. Contact [Renee Baratta](#) with questions.

Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Center

NEW: Coming Soon - Registration for Keys to Literacy No Cost Professional Development

Keys to Literacy registration will open on Wednesday, July 1, to support Indiana educators in earning the early literacy endorsement. This free 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, but space is limited. Educators who have previously enrolled are not eligible. Registration will be available [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with questions.

REMINDER: Now Accepting Nominations for the 2027 Indiana Teacher of the Year

The Indiana Teacher of the Year Program works to inspire, rejuvenate, and celebrate the teaching profession by recognizing outstanding teachers from across the state. Schools are encouraged to participate in the state's annual selection process which is now open and concludes in fall 2026. Local schools and Teacher(s) of the Year are encouraged to complete [this application](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, July 3, as the first step in the application process. More information regarding the Indiana Teacher of the Year selection process can be found [here](#). Contact itoy@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: IDOE Accepting Nominations for the 2026-2027 RISE Classified Staff Award

Schools across the state are encouraged to nominate up to two classified school employees for the [Recognizing Inspiring School Employees \(RISE\) Award](#). The RISE Award honors and promotes the excellence exhibited by classified school employees who provide exemplary service to students in pre-kindergarten through high school. All nominations must be submitted via [this JotForm](#) by 5 p.m. ET next Friday, June 12. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

Office of Educational Options and Quality

NEW: Choice Onboarding

Onboarding is a three hour training designed as an in-depth introduction to the Choice Scholarship Program. Some topics covered include the payment process for the 2026-2027 school year, the student/school application process, special education, and more!

While this training is required for new Choice schools, it is optional for any new personnel at existing Choice schools or to any Choice administrator who would like detailed information about the Choice Program. All who are interested in this training opportunity must register [here](#).

- Location: Indiana Government Center South and/or virtual session (based on date)
- Dates:
 - In-person training: Wednesday, June 24
 - Virtual training: Wednesday, June 24

Office of School Finance

REMINDER: June Workshop

Using the same format as last year, the June Workshop videos will be posted in the Public School Finance Community on Moodle (Key: PSCOM) by Friday, June 12. At that time, a question form will also be available for school personnel. On Tuesday, June 23, IDOE's Office of School Finance will hold an office hours session to answer questions received through this process. Please email schoolfinance@doe.in.gov with questions about the workshop.

Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education

NEW: New Preschool Coordinator Webinar

IDOE is pleased to invite new local education agency (LEA) preschool coordinators, and other staff who fulfill preschool coordinator duties, to a webinar covering important topics in early childhood and early childhood special education. This event will take place on Thursday, August 13, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET. Interested attendees can register for the event [here](#). Email specialeducation@doe.in.gov with any questions.

NEW: 2025-2026 Behavior Grant Reimbursement Requests

The 2025-2026 Behavior Grant will close on Tuesday, June 30. Expense reimbursements through Sunday, May 31, should be submitted for reimbursement no later than Monday, June 15, to osebehaviorgrant@doe.in.gov. Please include "FY25-26 Behavior Grant Reimbursement" in the subject line.

NEW: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Reimbursements

IDOE is currently compiling data for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which includes all IDEA Part B expenses. Schools must submit individual requests for expenses up to and through Tuesday, June 30, and expenses as of Wednesday, July 1. Separate reimbursement requests for June and July should be submitted to specialedpartb@doe.in.gov to avoid potential delay with your payment. Reimbursements are due on the first or 15th of the month. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education Part B Grants team](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Summer Spotlight Session - English Learner (EL) Exit Criteria

IDOE's English Learning team will host a virtual session on Monday, June 8, at 10 a.m. ET to spotlight updates to the exit criteria for determining proficiency for eligible ELs. In this session, key information found in the recently revised [2026-2027 Exit Criteria for English Learners Guidance](#) will be reviewed, along with time for questions and answers. Visit the [Indiana EL Professional Development Opportunities Calendar](#) for the meeting link. Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Early Intervention Transition Roadshow

IDOE's Office of Special Education is partnering with the Bureau of Child Development Services (First Steps) to travel around the state for joint training related to transition from Part C (First Steps) to Part B services. Events are capped at 100 attendees and guests are encouraged to attend the event in their corresponding cluster. Register for the training [here](#) and email specialeducation@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Proportionate Share Office Hours Date Change

The IDEA Part B Proportionate Share Office Hours previously scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 11. This session is especially relevant for local educational agencies (LEAs) with proportionate share balances or those planning to complete a Proportionate Share Release. Fiscal year (FY) 2025 IDEA Part B 611 and 619 grants will close on Wednesday, September 30. This forum will answer questions and provide support for LEAs to expend funds for students with disabilities who are parentally placed in a non-public or homeschool setting. Additionally, IDOE's Equitable Services Ombudsman will be present to share best practices for meeting both initial and ongoing consultation requirements. Click the link below to join:

- [Thursday, June 11, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. ET IDEA Part B Proportionate Share Office Hours](#)

REMINDER: FY 2027 Special Education Grant Assurances Due Wednesday, July 1

The FY 2027 IDEA Part B Grant Assurance template and instructions for using the Grant Management System are now available here: [Moodle>Fiscal-Part B Grants for Special Education>FY27 Grant Information>Assurances](#). To receive the earliest reimbursement effective date for the FY 2027 Part B grant period, schools must submit correctly completed Assurances for the FY 2027 Part B grants in the Grant Management System on or before Wednesday, July 1. Please contact partbgrants@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: FY 2027 General Education Provision Act (GEPA) Forms Due Wednesday, July 1

To comply with Section 427 of GEPA, LEAs requesting IDEA Part B funds must have an approved GEPA statement of compliance on file. If an LEA needs to update its GEPA Section 427 form, a new form will need to be completed and uploaded to IDOE's grant management system. The GEPA form can be found in [Moodle>Fiscal-Part B Grants for Special Education>FY27 Grant Information>GEPA Section 427](#). All questions must be answered on the GEPA form. Contact partbgrants@doe.in.gov with additional questions.

Office of Student, School, and Family Engagement

NEW: Updated Employability Skills Standards

Indiana Code (IC) 20-30-5-14 directs IDOE to develop Indiana's Employability Skills Standards, representing the skills that employers and workforce experts identify as most in demand for both current and future careers. As students progress through each grade band (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12), they will engage with and build upon these standards. The standards are arranged within the domains and skills of Communication and Collaboration and Work Ethic, which align with Indiana GPS and reflect key skills cited by workforce leaders. Full implementation of these standards will begin with the 2026-2027 school year for Hoosier students. Please click [here](#) to view the updated Employability Skills Standards.

UPDATE: Indiana Diploma One-Pager

Following the recent release of the [2026-2027 Credentials of Value list](#), IDOE has updated the [Indiana Diploma one-pager](#). The updated document also includes a few other clarifying edits based on stakeholder feedback. The resource is posted on IDOE's [Redesigning the Indiana Diploma webpage](#), and a Spanish version will be added soon.

Office of Title Grants and Support

REMINDER: Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Pre-Application

The FY 2027 Pre-Application is available through the [Title Grants Pre-Application Collection](#) in the Indiana Learning Lab. All instructions, forms, and submission information may be found within the collection. Please ensure a [Learning Lab account](#) has been registered in order to access the collection. The Pre-Application is due Wednesday, July 1. Please note that reimbursement eligibility begins Wednesday, July 1, or the date at which the Pre-Application is submitted in reviewable PDF format, whichever is later. The recording from the Thursday, April 30, quarterly meeting is now also available in the collection. Please contact titel@doe.in.gov with any questions.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM INDIANA ALLIANCE OF CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS (INCEP): Register for Annual Meeting

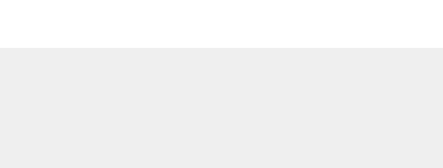
Secondary and postsecondary staff engaged in supporting dual credit programming are encouraged to attend the INCEP annual meeting on Wednesday, June 24, in Bloomington. INCEP is a professional organization that works to strengthen Indiana's dual credit programs. The conference will include updates on current state priorities and legislation impacting dual credit, feedback sessions with state staff, and opportunities to build your professional network with others around the state. Registration information can be [found here](#). Contact rlt@iu.edu with any questions.

REMINDER FROM KEEP INDIANA LEARNING (A DEPARTMENT OF CIESC): KINLCon Summer Conference Next Week

Time is running out to secure your spot for the KINLCon Summer Conference, taking place next week on Tuesday, June 9, and Wednesday, June 10, at Plainfield High School. This is your final opportunity to join K-12 teachers, administrators, and counselors for two days of transformative professional learning. Keynote speakers and Hoosier authors Katie Powell and Matt Miller will deliver high-energy insights on student engagement and educational technology. [Register today!](#) Contact [Keep Indiana Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER FROM 1ST MAKER SPACE: Free Summer Professional Development Opportunities

This summer, 1st Maker Space is offering four free, one-hour virtual professional development sessions designed to inspire hands-on learning and introduce educators to tools like AI, robotics, and digital fabrication. Visit [this website](#) to access session details and to register. Contact Amber.Hudson@doe.in.gov with any questions.



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