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This monthly newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) includes resources, guidance, and support for special education directors, educators, and administrators who provide essential services that Indiana's students with disabilities need to learn and thrive.

Monitoring

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 this summer 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.

Fiscal

Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Special Education Grant Assurances Due Wednesday, July 1

The FY 2027 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (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 reserve 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.

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

To comply with Section 427 of GEPA, local educational agencies (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.

UPDATE: IDEA Part B Proportionate Share Office Hours Date Change

IDOE's Office of Special Education Part B Fiscal Team has rescheduled the Wednesday, May 27, office hours to Thursday, June 11. These office hours are to assist LEAs that have proportionate share balances or are planning to complete a Proportionate Share Release. FY 2025 IDEA Part B Section 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. IDOE's Equitable Services Ombudsman will also share best practices for meeting initial and ongoing consultation requirements. Click the link below to join:

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

Important Changes to Medicaid Administrative Claiming (InMAC)

Beginning Wednesday, July 1, program requirements will change to align with updated federal guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Key changes include:

- Required enrollment as an Indiana Medicaid provider. Please see the [Medicaid Enrollment](#) memo.
- InMAC Quarterly procedural changes. Please see the [IndianaMAC Updates](#) memo.

Contact schoolmedicaid@doe.in.gov with any questions.

Dispute Resolution

State Complaint Investigation Data

A list of the most common Article 7 issues filed, along with the number of violations found in complaints investigated for FY 2025 can be found in [FY 2025 State Complaint Investigations: Top Ten](#).

Technical Assistance and Professional Development

SPED Director Outreach Series School Year (SY) 2026-2027 Dates

Thank you to those who joined the IDOE Office of Special Education at the various Director Outreach webinars this school year! The Special Education Director Outreach series will be back again next school year with more helpful information. Topics are still being finalized, but you can find the dates [here](#). Please direct any questions about director outreach opportunities to spedassistance@doe.in.gov.

Director Outreach Survey Now Available

IDOE's Office of Special Education invites all special education directors to complete the [2025-2026 Director Outreach Survey](#) to help shape future updates, resources, and technical assistance for the field. By providing input on your experience with Director Outreach sessions, the team can better provide targeted information and enhance support across all LEAs. This voluntary, confidential survey takes approximately five minutes to complete and will be used to continue improving the way updates are made to LEAs.

Cohort 7 Aspiring Special Education Leadership Institute

The Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE), in partnership with IDOE's Office of Special Education, is pleased to announce the participants of the Aspiring Special Education Leadership Institute (ASELI) for the 2026-2027 SY.

ASELI is a one-year leadership development program designed to prepare Indiana educators for future roles in special education leadership. This seventh cohort includes both individual participants and five school-based leadership teams made up of a principal and teacher leader. All participants share a strong commitment to strengthening special education services and improving outcomes for students with disabilities. Congratulations to [Cohort 7!](#)

Additional Updates, Resources, and Opportunities

ISPROUT and IKRA Training Registration for Fall 2026

Training registration is now open for Data Managers and Training of Trainers (ToT) for ISPROUT (preschool) and IKRA (kindergarten). Data Manager training is for those responsible for managing the teacher and student database and monitoring data. ToT is for those responsible for training and supporting other educators for ISPROUT or IKRA. ToT sessions require the completion of the teacher training online prior to participation in the live ToT session. Returning trainers will have access to an online refresher course in July. To learn more and sign up for a live August training session, click on the appropriate program below:

- [ISPROUT Data Manager Training and Training of Trainers Fall 2026](#) (Birth through PreK)
- [IKRA Data Manager Training and Training of Trainers Fall 2026](#) (Kindergarten)

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

Professional Learning Opportunities with the Blumberg Center: Affective Teaching

This highly pragmatic course equips participants with a tool set for orchestrating emotions that enhance cognition, focus attention, and motivate action in any student. Participants will learn why some favorite strategies can be effective and how to be more proactive and intentional in crafting positive emotions in any learning context. The course will take place on Tuesday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at the Bayh College of Education. The registration cost is \$100. Contact Bruce Kulwicki at bruce.kulwicki@indstate.edu for additional information.

Standards Revision and Implementation Guidance Now Available on Indiana Academic Standards (IAS) Webpage

IDOE facilitates the formal revision of IAS at least once every six years pursuant to Indiana Code 20-31-3-3. The previously shared [Standards Revision and Implementation Guidance](#) is now also available on IDOE's [IAS webpage](#). It reflects the standards revision and (instructional and assessment) implementation schedule for specific content areas for the next two to five years, as well as implementation details for IDOE's High Quality Curriculum Materials evaluation process. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#) with any questions.

Summer Professional Development with HANDS in Autism®

Summer provides educators and professionals with a valuable opportunity to strengthen skills, explore evidence-based practices, and prepare for the upcoming school year. HANDS in Autism® invites educators, clinicians, support staff, and community partners to participate in their Intensive Summer Training programs, offered both virtually and in person to meet a variety of scheduling and learning needs. These trainings focus on practical strategies and real-world application to better support individuals with autism and related developmental needs across settings and throughout their lifespan. To learn more or to register, click [here](#).

2026 Summer Institute for Educational Interpreters with the PASS Project

Registration is now open for the 2026 Summer Institute for Educational Interpreters, taking place on Tuesday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 22! This two-day training supports K-12 educational interpreters in strengthening professional role clarity, preparation and collaboration strategies, and student-centered decision-making. Day one focuses on clarifying the interpreter's role and understanding how preparation directly supports meaningful access for students. Day two builds on that foundation by focusing on student experience in the classroom, strengthened real-time discussion, and improving collaboration with school teams. The training includes short presentations, group reflection, group discussion, and practical application activities. Participants will leave this training with ideas and tools they can use right away. To learn more and to register, visit the PASS Project's website [here](#).

Sharing: Sign up for this OSE Newsletter

This is IDOE's Office of Special Education (OSE) monthly newsletter intended for school, district, co-op, and interlocal staff whose role necessitates receiving detailed information about Indiana special education monitoring, finance, data, etc. The OSE newsletter is distributed on the fourth Monday of each month except for July. If you know someone interested in newly subscribing to the OSE Newsletter mailing list, please direct them [here](#). Previous newsletters can be found [here](#) and in [Moodle](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to spedassistance@doe.in.gov.

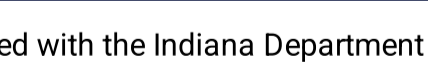


Department News

5/13/2026 Indiana Launches First-of-Its-Kind Initiative to Expand Cybersecurity Education and Connect Students to College, Careers, and Military Service

4/14/2026 Free Summer Reading and Math Support Continues for Thousands of Indiana Students

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