

IWAS EBF Spending Plan System opens for FY 2021 reporting

Per the state Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act, all Organizational Units must report their plans to spend Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) dollars as part of the annual budget process. **The reporting window for fiscal year 2021 spending plans is now open. All submissions are due by September 30, 2020.** “Organizational Units” refer to all entities receiving EBF dollars from the state, including all school districts, laboratory schools, Regional Offices of Education, and Intermediate Service Centers. The FY 2021 spending plan marks another step toward an integrated FY 2023 annual school district budget that will make spending plan content available to the public.

Organizational Units move through the IWAS EBF Spending Plan System in four major steps, answering:

1. What strategies will drive your efforts to achieve student growth and make progress toward state education goals in FY 2021?
2. What will you do with your Evidence-Based Funding? Why?
3. How will you support special student groups through your Evidence-Based funds?
4. English Learner financial assurances (only applicable to Organizational Units receiving state funding for English Learners)

All questions on the FY 2021 EBF Spending Plan refer to:

- The Organizational Unit’s **intent to spend** for the upcoming school year -- *not* actual expenditures.
- **Organizational Unit-level** dollars -- *not* broken down to the school level.
- **EBF dollars only** -- *not* other state, local, or federal funds.

ISBE staff will host an overview webinar on the FY 2021 EBF Spending Plan for Organizational Units at 1:30 p.m. CDT on Monday, August 17. [Registration is now available.](#)

Further resources regarding the EBF Spending Plan statute, FY 2021 design, and instructions for completing the FY 2021 plan are posted at www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan. All questions not addressed in these materials may be directed to ebfspendingplan@isbe.net.

As a reminder, Organizational Unit superintendents and other authorized FY 2020 users have automatic access to the IWAS EBF Spending Plan System. ISBE encourages superintendents to grant access to anyone else responsible for compiling the spending plan submission. To complete IWAS authentication,

1. Sign into IWAS via System Quick Links from the [ISBE home page](#).
2. Select “IWAS: ISBE Web Application Security.”
3. Log in using IWAS login name and password.
4. Upon login, click on “System Listings” to access the EBF Spending Plan System.
5. Under the Annual section of Reporting Category, click the system description “EBF Spending Plan System” to access the System Home page.
6. District administrators will be automatically authorized to access the IWAS system.
7. Other district users will click on “Sign Up Now” button associated with the EBF Spending Plan System to proceed to request authorization. This request sends an electronic request to the district superintendent for authorization. After authorization, district users will receive an email confirmation from the district superintendent or their designee.
8. For assistance in signing up to use systems listed within IWAS, refer to the IWAS User Guide and Training video under the IWAS Help section.