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PREPARATION POINTS

New Year

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While Punxsutawney Phil may have seen his shadow this Groundhog Day, an unseasonably warm February has us thinking early spring here at ISBE! Our hearts are warmed by the sunshine and your steadfast commitment and dedication to enriching the minds of our future teachers. We continue to appreciate all you do and wish you a productive rest of this winter-into-spring, with the respite of spring break soon to be.

Middle Grades

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recorded a Middle Grades webinar to review the requirements, discuss example scenarios and highlight a few frequent questions from the field. We recommend licensure officers use this as an additional resource as they advise candidates interested in Middle Grades endorsements. The webinar can be found [here](#).

Additionally, the Middle Grade Reference Guide has been updated to offer further clarity to the endorsements considered

"exceptions". Click [here](#) for the most updated guide.

A webpage specifically designated for new Middle Grades information can be found [here](#).

Licensure Officer Support

ELIS Errors

We understand licensure officers may experience error messages at times during the entitlement process. If an error message occurs, please ensure the appropriate grade range and endorsement are selected. If the error continues to occur, please email your ISBE liaison with the following information:

- Candidate's IEIN
- Grade range
- Endorsement
- Screen shot of the page **PRIOR** to receiving the error message

Grade Range Changes

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) notified Illinois Licensure Officers of the change in policy regarding grade ranges for the following endorsements:

- English as a Second Language
- Bilingual
- Gifted Teacher

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Effective January 11, 2017, the endorsements listed above may be entitled for the full grade range an educator holds instead of separate and exclusive grade ranges; K-4, 5-8, 9-12. Licensure Officers and staff must ensure that candidates meet all requirements for the above endorsement prior to the recommendation for entitlement. To read the full notice click [here](#).

ISBE is open to transitioning the additional endorsements below to align with the full grade range an educator holds instead of separate and exclusive grade ranges; K-4, 5-8, 9-12.

- Reading Teacher
- Library Information Specialist
- Technology Specialist
- Foreign Language

We invite you to provide feedback by completing a short five minute survey found [here](#).

UPDATED LIAISON DISTRIBUTION

With the addition of two new Preparation staff members, institutions have been redistributed to offer the best service to Illinois Licensure Officers. Please see the table below for the assigned ISBE liaison, additionally please ensure all applicable representatives at the institution are aware of this change.

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University of Illinois at Springfield	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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National Louis University	Illinois College
School of the Art Institute Chicago	Kendall College
University of Chicago	Lewis University
University of Illinois at Chicago	North Park University
University of St. Francis	Monmouth College
Wheaton College	Roosevelt University
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Quincy University
North Central College
Trinity International University
Northwestern University
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Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Over the past year, ISBE has been conducting listening tours across the state to gather insight from stakeholders as the agency developed a state plan for Illinois. Draft 3 of the state plan is now available [here](#).

Legislation/Rules Senate Bill 2912

On January 24, 2017, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) hosted a short webinar on Senate Bill 2912 (SB2912) effective January 6, 2017. The webinar summarized how the recent legislation would impact institutions of higher education, the entitlement process and ultimately the candidates they serve. The webinar was recorded and is available [here](#).

ELS-PIDU

SB2912 includes the opportunity for a provisional license to be issued to Illinois teacher preparation candidates, considered an Educator License with Stipulations endorsed as a Provisional Instate educator (ELS-PIDU). This license requires further action by ISBE prior to implementation.

On February 3, 2017 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) approved the edTPA minimum cut score for the ELS-PIDU. The State Board of Education will review the scores on

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Wednesday, February 22, 2017. If approved, the ELIS-PIDU has been programmed into ELIS, and an institution may begin entitling candidates that have completed an IL approved program, but have not yet passed the edTPA.

The ELS-PIDU requirements are listed below.

- Hold a Bachelor's degree
- Passed the applicable tests (Test of Basic Skills, Content Test)
- Meet a state determined minimum edTPA cut score

The ELS-PIDU (available only through entitlement) is valid for one full fiscal year and cannot be renewed.

It is at the institution's discretion to entitle a candidate for the ELS-PIDU. If an institution requires candidates to pass the edTPA prior to graduation and they want to adjust this requirement to utilize the ELS-PIDU, please submit a Program Change Form found [here](#).

23 Illinois Administrative Rule

Rules undergoing amendments are found [here](#). As Rules are proposed and amended, this webpage provides a summary of the Rules, a medium for public comment, and status updates when Rules are filed and adopted.

The following Administrative Rules have been filed and became effective November 18, 2016. Final posting is pending.

- Emergency Amendments for Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)

The following Administrative Rules have undergone public comment and adoption is pending:

- Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)

The following Administrative Rules are available for public comment until March 26, 2017.

- Part 20 (Standards for endorsements in Elementary Education)
- Part 26 (Standards for endorsements in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education)
- Part 50 (Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees under Articles 24A and 34 or The School Code)

To check on the status of any item where the comment period has already ended, send an inquiry to rules@isbe.net.

Institutions of Higher Education should be aware that proposed amendments to Part 25 rules were approved by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) on February 3, 2017. The proposed amendments will go before the State Board of Education February 22, 2017 and if approved will be posted for public comment soon after.

Testing

ACT/SAT Score

ISBE will no longer require educators to have a passing writing score and a passing composite score on the same ACT or SAT score report. Educators may submit two score reports: one with a passing composite score and one with a passing writing score. Rules do not specify that the scores must be on the same score report.

ISBE staff will begin using new ACT and SAT score codes when entering scores in ELIS:
610 ACT- COMPOSITE ONLY
611 ACT- WRITING ONLY

620 SAT-COMPOSITE ONLY
621 SAT-WRITING ONLY

The current “600- ACT” and “601- SAT” will still be used if the educator has met both the composite and writing score on one report.

When determining if an educator has passed the ACT or SAT, look at the “Testing “ section and look for the following “passing” score codes:
ACT 600, **OR** ACT 610 + ACT 611
SAT 601, **OR** SAT 620 + SAT 621

ISBE will not accept scores mixed between the two tests (example: a passing composite ACT score and a passing SAT writing score.) Both must come from the same assessment.

edTPA

Beginning September 1, 2017, the scores needed to pass the edTPA will increase by two points as part of the edTPA scale up. Minimum passing scores will increase again 9/1/2018 and once more 9/1/2019. See the chart [here](#) for scores that will be needed.

Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Updates

Practice tests for each Middle Grades (5-8) test are available as of January 19, 2017. In addition, registration for the new Middle Grades tests began on December 8, 2016.

Go to the [ILTS](#) website for more information.

If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please email:

Tina Dimmitt-Salinas at
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Questions &

Answers

Q: What test should an Elementary Education (K-9 and 1-6) candidate take?

A: While ISBE recommends taking the test that best aligns to a candidate's program, either the Elementary 1-6 (197-200) or Elementary/Middle (110) test is acceptable. The Elementary/Middle Grades (110) test will sunset in August 2018. Therefore, it will be

available for elementary candidates as well as Middle Grades candidates needing the General Middle Grades test before it becomes available.

Q: Are candidates in dual programs, both Elementary and Middle Grades, required to take the new Elementary Test (197-200) and the middle school content tests in all areas of endorsement? In addition, if candidates took the Elementary/Middle Grades Test (110), will that meet the requirement for Middle Grades content area endorsements?

A: Candidates in an Elementary Education program and a Middle Grades program must complete the Elementary Ed Test (110 or 197-200) and applicable MG content test. Elementary/Middle Grades Test (110) issued to waive the "General Middle Grade" test requirement for those candidates completing an endorsement in an area outside the four core (I.e. Art, Music, Drama, etc...) and cannot be completed in place of a Middle Grade content specific program requirement.

signed and submitted, institutions will receive the amendment that details the data elements that have been omitted from IHE collection and elements that will now be collected by ISBE. Please submit your data after signing and submitting the amendment. In addition, the agreements and amendments must be signed and sent via mail, ATTN: Emily Fox, 100 N. First St. S-306, Springfield, IL 62777.

Email any questions you have to pilot@isbe.net and one of the members of our Professional Preparation staff will respond as soon as possible.

In addition, refer to the [FAQ document](#) on our website which is updated regularly to assist you in your data collection.

ISBE Spotlight



Meet Brianne Dilbeck

Brianne is originally from Decatur, IL. She graduated with her bachelors in elementary education from Millikin University. Brianne started her career in a private school teaching 6th grade. She then taught 5th grade for the Hoopston CUSD for 3.5 years. Most recently Brianne worked as a talent management specialist for Archer Daniels Midland in Decatur. In her free time, Brianne enjoys volunteering in the community, traveling, cheering on the STL Cardinals and tackling DIY projects.

ISBE CLOSINGS:

President's Day
Monday, February 20, 2017

ILLINOIS STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD MEETINGS

March 3, 2017
CANCELLED

April 7, 2017
9:00am-4:00pm

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
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Fourth Floor, Board Room

For prior SEPLB meeting agendas and minutes [click here](#).

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Thursday, April 13, 2017

Partnership for

Educator

Preparation (PEP)

Thank you to all of the participating Illinois institutions for your continued efforts, questions, and communication. The original February 15th face-to-face meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled for later in the spring when we have received more data.

We have received nine data share agreements, and four have been fully executed. Once the agreements are

She also enjoys spoiling her 2 nephews Griffin and Kolton.

