



Grants

Please be informed that the FY19 Intent to Apply application for the federal Title III LIEP and Immigrant Education Program will be available in early January 2018. The title for Language Instruction Program for Limited English Proficiency Students (LIPLEPS) has now been changed to Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP). District will have until the end of February to complete and return the Intent to Apply application.

ISBE-Sponsored Conferences And Workshops

FREE UPCOMING WIDA WORKSHOPS

To register for WIDA workshops, please visit the registration website at http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference/

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FREE UPCOMING IRC WORKSHOPS

Please see catalog link for ISBE sponsored PD through the Illinois Resource Center (IRC) https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0_S0Ezr3W-QbXpfZE5BQ3RUdDg/view.

The catalog lists institutes, webinars, and multi-district workshops offered throughout the state for Illinois educators at no cost. For more information, please contact the IRC at (224) 366-8555 or irc@cntrmail.org. Registration: paper registration form found in the catalog or register online at http://irc2.thecenterweb.org/site/isbe.

Seal of Biliteracy

STATE STANDARD FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ON THE SAT

During this year of transition, districts may still use the previously acceptable SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing College and Career Ready Benchmark of 480 ELA for purposes of awarding the Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation to 2017-18 graduates. Beginning in school year 2018-19, all applicants who use the SAT to document English proficiency for the Seal or Commendation must achieve a minimum score of 540 ELA on the SAT.

Assessment



WIDA TEST WINDOW WILL RUN JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 20, 2018.

Here are some ways to prepare for the test:

- Check that your technology systems are ready for the test: Use the [Technology Readiness Checklist](#) to ensure that all systems are up to date.
- Subscribe to the [WIDA System Status](#) to be notified if the system goes down during testing (select the SUBSCRIBE button on the top right after opening the link).
- Familiarize yourself with the [Illinois Page on WIDA.us](#). You will find State Specific Directions and a Checklist on the right hand side of the page.
- Find additional information and infographics to help prepare of the test on [WIDA's ACCESS 2.0 Preparation & Training](#) tab.
- Ensure that all new personnel proctoring the ACCESS (be it on paper or online) complete the ACCESS Training after logging in on WIDA.us.
- If you haven't logged on to WIDA-AMS, please ensure that you have access to the testing platform and email bpederse@isbe.net or saguirre@isbe.net if you need your password reset.
- Materials will be delivered on January 8, 2018 to testing sites (or as specified when you placed your material orders on WIDA-AMS). If you requested to test during one of the extended testing windows, you will also receive your testing materials on January 8, 2018. For additional materials orders, please see details below.
- ISBE will have to request district/school labels for tests not included in the Pre-ID File. If you receive a paper booklet with no label, please contact bpederse@isbe.net or saguirre@isbe.net.

ADDITIONAL TEST MATERIALS ORDERING WINDOW

The Additional Test Materials Ordering Window will run 1/8/18-2/28/18. However, before inputting your additional orders, please note the following:

- DRC has increased materials overage to schools this school year. Be sure to wait until you have received your materials at your testing site and used all overage materials before requesting additional. If you are in need of additional materials, check with your district office.
- DRC has increased materials overage for district offices. Once schools have used their overage, they are to receive materials from their district's overage. Once the district overage has been used, the district administrator may put in an additional order.
- Only district administrators may put in additional orders on WIDA-AMS and the materials will be shipped to the district office. Individual testing centers are not to place additional materials orders.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS DISPLACED BY HURRICANE MARIA

ISBE has issued guidance to help support students and educators displaced by Hurricane Maria. For more information, [click here to view the guidance](#).

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