



March 19 , 2019

SPANISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS INQUIRY

The Illinois State Board of Education, in partnership with the Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education, will be seeking to adopt Spanish Language Arts Standards based on the Common Core en Español. ISBE is looking for school districts that are currently using the Common Core en Español to be part of this work. If your district has implemented these standards, please send an email to DEL@isbe.net with the following information:

- Email subject line: SLA Standards
- On email, include details on **two educators** to represent your district on these conversations:

Name	Email	Role (e.g., teacher, curriculum coach, administrator)
1.		
2.		

GRANTS

FY 20 EL - TITLE III INTEND TO APPLY

If your district receives a request for additional information regarding your EL – Title III Intend to Apply, please respond and **verify your EL student data on SIS by March 29, 2019.**

FY20 CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN

The FY20 Consolidated District Plan (CDP) is active on IWAS. If you do not have access to the system, please request access from your District Superintendent. There is no deadline for the CDP, but every district that plans to apply for Title III Funding (or any of the other 10 grants that are part of the CDP) must have an approved CDP on file with ISBE before grant applications are approved. **Please note that districts applying for Title III must also have an approved FY20 EL – Title III Intend to Apply on file with ISBE.**

The Consolidated District Plan allow districts to answer one set of planning questions to meet the requirements of 12 federal formula grants, including the Title III Language Instruction Education Program (LIEP) Grant and the Title III Immigrant Education Grant. Based on ISBE's Goals and District Goals, the CDP will serve as a tool to help districts plan accordingly for uses of funds under the 12 formula grants. Additionally, this will help ISBE better understand districts for holistic supports to students. You may find additional information on the CDP, including webinars and FAQs, at www.isbe.net/ILePlan.

FY19 GRANT PERIODIC REPORTS

Be sure to submit your grant periodic reports on time. You can find additional information about [Title III Grant Periodic Reports here](#). Also, the updated reporting tools for FY19 are now posted on our webpage and shared below:

- [FY19 LIEP Grant Periodic Report Template](#) 
- [FY19 Immigrant Grant Periodic Report Template](#) 

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned Principal Consultant or call (312) 814-3850.

ISBE-SPONSORED WORKSHOPS

FREE UPCOMING FY19 WIDA WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

To register for WIDA workshops for FY 19, please visit the registration website at <http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference>

TOPIC	DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
Engaging Els in Science	April 1-2, 2019	EMSD Administrative Center 3451 Morton Drive East Moline, IL
Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement	April 4-5, 2019	Addison School District 222 John F Kennedy Drive Addison, IL

ISBE-SPONSORED IRC WORKSHOPS

2018-2019 ISBE sponsored PD through the Illinois Resource Center (IRC). Please click [2018-2019 ISBE Professional Development Offerings catalog](#).

ISBE-DEL in conjunction with the Illinois Resource Center has developed a Technical Assistance (TA) website based on the six elements from *Equitable Access to Educational Excellence: Framing Services for English Learners in Illinois*. The TA website contains resources within each of these six areas and can be found at <http://ta.isbe-dell.net/>.

SCREENING AND TESTING

Updated Supported System Requirements

The Supported System Requirements for ACCESS for ELLs and Screener have been posted to WIDA AMS. These system requirements are valid for February-April 2019. A link to the updated system requirements is also available behind the [Technology Coordinators tile](#) in the WIDA Secure Portal. Please share this important resource with your Technology Coordinator or technology team.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

For information on the IAR, please visit the [website here](#). Please note that all students are to take the ELA and Mathematics assessments of the IAR. First-year ELs are not waived from the ELA portion of the test. If you have additional questions on the IAR, please contact the Assessment Division at assessment@isbe.net.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION THIRD ANNUAL PUBLIC/NONPUBLIC CONFERENCE

This conference is an effort to collaborate on issues common to public and nonpublic schools. This year, the focus will be on *Supporting English Learners* and will include an informative session on the state assessment.

This is a conference for:
- Public school district personnel
- Nonpublic school staff
- Representatives of Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers
- Illinois State Board of Education Staff

Plan to join your colleagues to hear from experts in these important fields.

**April 10, 2019
Radisson Hotel
8 Traders Circle
Normal, IL 61761**

Please register for this event at:
<http://webapps.isbe.net/isbeconference/>

ISBE-DEL CONFERENCES

Third Annual Nonpublic-Public Conference: Supporting English Learners

ISBE is hosting the third annual *Nonpublic-Public Conference: Supporting English Learners* from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on April 10 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. [Registration is now available](#). Please note registration is limited.

This year's theme is Supporting English Learners. The conference will feature sessions on screening and assessment, strategies for effective teaching, and funding options for supporting English Learners. A detailed agenda will be shared closer to the date. This conference is intended as a forum for nonpublic and public administrators to discuss issues of common concern. There is no registration fee and lunch is provided. Please contact ISBE's Division of English Learners at DEL@isbe.net with any questions.

The Fourteenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents

The Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents provides a rich mix of information about issues of critical importance to parents from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. Top speakers are joined by experts and panels on such topics as pathways to academic success, enhanced parental participation in schools, immigration issues, U.S. citizenship, bilingual education programs, community college services, effective parenting techniques, health care alternatives, and much more.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Other Opportunities and Resources

WIDA's June Writing Academy: Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the Writing with *Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Grades Academy*, in Rosemont, Illinois from June 18-19. See our [U.S.-Based Professional Learning page](#) on the WIDA website for Academy details and a registration link.

WIDA's June Administrators Academy

Leading Schools for Multilingual Learner Achievement Academy is scheduled for June 25-27, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. Learn more about [this opportunity here](#).

Illinois Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents

The Illinois Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents ([IALAS](#)) is hosting a [5K race and 1 mile fun run](#) to raise scholarship funds that would go towards bilingual teachers, bilingual speech pathologists, bilingual special education, etc. Additional information is on the links above. If you have additional questions, please visit the [IALAS](#) website.

Cultural Resources for Spanish-speaking Communities

If you are interested in providing additional cultural resources to your Spanish-speaking students and communities, please visit the website for the [Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México \(UNAM\) Chicago](#) and the [Instituto Cervantes Chicago](#). Both of these sites offer cultural and linguistic opportunities for folks in the Chicagoland area.

