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Multilingual Department

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Announcements

The Illinois State Board of Education recommends reviewing the following [suggestions during Phase 4](#) while planning and screening potential English Learners (ELs) over the summer and for the 2020-21 school year.

Grants

FY 2021 EL - Title III Language Instruction Educational Program Application

Federal Title III grants – The Multilingual Department is pleased to announce that the **FY21 Title III Language Instruction Educational Program** is now available for completion on IWAS. Please note that the title of the application changed from ELL-TBE/TPI and Title III to EL-Title III Language Instruction Educational Program. Because this is a new application, program directors may have to sign up for authorization to enter and save information on the application.

To create a new application, districts need to select the EL-Title III Language Instruction Educational Program and check, “Yes” on the question, “Would you like to create new project for the current year?” Every district with an approved FY21 Intent to Apply should have their FY21 Title III LIEP applications ready for creation on IWAS.

This application does not include the Immigrant Education Program. A separate Title III Immigrant Education Program application will be released in November of 2020 when the districts eligible for the program are determined based on 2020-21 school year data. For information, [click here](#).

REMINDER! Budget Amendment for FY20 Title III deadline is **July 31, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact your district’s assigned Principal Consultant.

Reports

PROGRAM DELIVERY REPORT

The 2019-20 Bilingual Education Program Delivery Report (PDR) is now **available for completion in IWAS**. The districts that received \$5,000 or more in state Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) for EL services and/or federal Title III LIEP funds in FY 2020 **MUST** submit this report on IWAS by **July 31, 2020**. For more information, including a list of required districts to report, [click here](#).

ISBE-Sponsored Workshops

NEW! FREE UPCOMING SY21 WIDA WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

Webinars

TOPIC	DATE	LOCATION
Classroom Educators: Engaging Newcomer Multilingual Learners	Opens: April 6, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2020 *Complete time is 2 hours	Self-Paced eWorkshop
WIDA Writing Rubric	Opens: September 1, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2021	Self-Paced eWorkshop
Leading for Equity: Classroom Walkthrough	Opens: September 1, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2021	Self-Paced eWorkshop
Classroom Teachers: Engaging Multilingual Newcomers	Opens: September 1, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2021	Self-Paced eWorkshop
Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics	Opens: September 1, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2021	Self-Paced eWorkshop
Doing and Talking STEM	Opens: September 1, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2021	Self-Paced eWorkshop
Social Studies: Engaging Multilingual Learners Through Inquiry	Opens: September 1, 2020 Ends: August 31, 2021	Self-Paced eWorkshop
Mathematical Meaning Making: Collaborating for Equity	Opens: September 14, 2020 Ends: October 14, 2020	Live Webinar Series
Reading Supports for Multilingual Learners	Opens: September 14, 2020 Meeting: December 9, 2020	ICMEE eWorkshop
Language Specialist: Engaging Multilingual Newcomers	Starts: October 3, 2020 Ends: November 10, 2021	Live Webinar Series
School Leaders: Ensuring Equity for Multilingual Learners	Webinar 1: October 7, 2020 Webinar 2: October 14, 2020 Webinar 3: October 21, 2020	Webinar Series

Scaffolding Learning Through Language	Start Date: October 14, 2020 Webinar 1: October 21, 2020 Webinar 2: November 4, 2020 Webinar 3: November 20, 2020	Webinar Series
Interpreting ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports Overview	October 23, 2020	Assessment Overview Webinar
Home Languages in the Classroom	Opens: November 9, 2020 Meeting: March 3, 2021	ICMEE eWorkshop
Grouping Strategies for Multilingual Learners	November 9, 2020	ICMEE eWorkshop
Language Specialist: Engaging Multilingual Newcomers	Start Date: November 10, 2020 Webinar 1: November 17, 2020 Webinar 2: December 1, 2020 Webinar 3: December 16, 2020	Webinar Series

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

IRC-ISBE FREE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING!

The Illinois Resource Center (IRC) offers these free professional learning opportunities to Illinois educators with support from the Illinois State Board of Education the catalog of February – June 2020 IRC-ISBE Free Professional Learning Opportunities is [here](#)! As you plan for the coming school year, make sure to consider these dates. To access archived professional learning sessions [click here](#).

WIDA Early Years

ISBE and The Center: Early Childhood Professional Learning would like to remind Illinois educators that access to the WIDA Early Years online learning modules will continue to be available, on demand, through the summer and into the fall. These modules focus on supporting young multilingual children, ages 2.5 to 5.5 years. The modules are FREE and take approximately one hour each to complete. ISBE and Gateways credit is available at the completion of each module. For more information, including how to access to the modules, click [here](#).

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: FRAMING SERVICES FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS IN ILLINOIS

The Multilingual Department 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 [here](#).

Screening and Testing

ACCESS

NEW! Electronic results from the administration of the 2020 ACCESS for ELL's are now available on WIDA AMS. Districts may view their district results and print out individual student reports (ISR) from the site. The hard copy paper results will be delayed in their release. Due to the uncertainty of district or school staff being available to sign for the paper ISRs upon delivery later this July, DRC will have the reports delivered on August 17, 2020.

NEW! Demographic corrections for ACCESS can be made in SIS now through August 14th, 2020. This is done in SIS>Assessment Corrections>ACCESS. Assessment data corrections **do not** change a student's ongoing demographic data in their SIS record.

Interested in Alternate ACCESS for ELLs?

WIDA will be revamping the [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs](#) assessment over the next four years. If you are interested in learning more information about this work, providing feedback on the current Alternate ACCESS for ELLs design, or being notified of opportunities for involvement in development activities, please respond to this [short survey](#).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Continuing Education Resources (#KEEPLARNING)

The Illinois State Board of Education curated free resources to assist districts, teachers, and parents during this unprecedented time. The intent is to provide free or temporarily free learning resources for teachers and parents to support student learning while Illinois' schools are closed. These resources do not represent an endorsement or recommendation of curriculum or eLearning systems. The Multilingual Department added resources to assist our EL students, teachers, parents, and staff. We would also like to thank Eulalia Valdez, EL Director for Berkeley SD 87 and Suzy Dees, Director for Professional Learning for West 40 ISC #2 for the additional recommendation of resources. For more information, [click here](#).

Illinois Resource Center's (IRC) Remote Learning Resources

Maggie Essig from the Illinois Resource Center has curated a document with additional resources for ELs during remote learning. You can find it [here](#).

WIDA Resources

The [WIDA COVID-19](#) page on the WIDA website has been updated with a resources section. Resource topics include tips for parents and families, educator connection and collaboration, WIDA staff recommended resources, and mental health and staying well.

Fifteenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents- In-Person: Cancelled

More Information [Click Here](#)

2020 State Bilingual Program Directors Meeting- In-Person: Cancelled

2020 WIDA Annual Conference Update- CANCELLED