

Dear Program Directors:

DELL General Announcements

An updated monitoring list is posted in the following link, under FY17 (2016-2017) Program Monitoring and Compliance <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/English-Learners-Compliance-Monitoring.aspx> .

ISBE-Sponsored Conferences and Workshops

ISBE Sponsored free professional development workshops provided by WIDA

Please review our catalog of free workshops that ISBE DELL has planned for the 2016-2017 school year presented by the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium for workshop dates and descriptions: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/English-Learners-Professional-Development.aspx> under professional development opportunities At-A-Glance . These workshops are free of charge for Illinois public school educators, and districts can register up to three participants, unless additional space is available.

Individuals will be able to register online at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/English-Learners-Professional-Development.aspx> under Webinars and Presentations for the workshops starting three months prior to the event.

Contact DELL@isbe.net with any questions.

Engaging English language Learners in Science	February 27-28, 2017 8:00am – 8:30am Registration 8:30am – 3:30pm Workshop	Naperville School District 203 203 W. Hillside Road Naperville, IL 60540 Closed
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Other Resources

VISITING TEACHER PROGRAM

Recruiting Visiting Teachers from Spain for the 2017-2018 School Year

The Ministry of Education in Spain has this program, whereby English-speaking teachers come to the United States to teach for three years and then return home. These teachers cover lots of subject areas—but the chance to have a person from another country “in residence” in an American school is a valuable opportunity for the students, staff, and community. The teachers have the appropriate state license, an International Visiting Teacher license with a bilingual endorsement. Districts interview and hire visiting teachers in much the same way that they hire American teachers.

The visiting teachers make a one to three year commitment to teach in the United States provided that the school district agrees to rehire them. Participating districts employ these teachers in accordance with local regulations and policies. Teachers are paid according to their experience and certification level.

ISBE tests the candidates’ language proficiency and verifies their qualifications for an *International Visiting Teacher License*.

Visiting Teachers have at least three years of experience. All the teachers are highly qualified to teach early childhood, elementary, middle and high school that may include areas such as special education, language arts, social studies, world language, math and science.

All districts interested in participating in the Visiting Teachers Program 2017-2018 are invited to attend a meeting, in which all the necessary information about this year's recruitment will be provided.

RSVP by February 15, 2017 by email to rgarcia@isbe.net

Meeting and participation details are found below.

Who	Illinois School Districts Recruiting Teachers for the 2017-2018 School Year
What:	Informational Briefing on the Visiting Teachers Program and recruitment
Where:	James Thompson Center 100 W Randolph, 14 th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60601
When:	Tuesday, February 16, 2017 11:00-12:30 am

Parking validation with a discount will be provided:

203 North LaSalle Self-Park Garage
(enter on Clark and Lake)
200 West Randolph Self-Park Garage
(enter on Wells or Randolph)
Lake/Wells Self Park, 177 North Wells

In the News

Newcomers toolkit

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/newcomers-toolkit/ncomertoolkit.pdf>