

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



UPCOMING ISBE DATES AND DEADLINES

Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For more events and details, visit the [ISBE Meetings page](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx>) or call the Illinois State Board of Education at (866) 262-6663.

2 p.m. July 9: [Deadline to submit proposal for Migrant Education Program Coordination](http://www.purchase.state.il.us/ipb/IllinoisBID.nsf/frmBidDocFrameset?ReadForm&RefNum=22041691&DocID=126AAC3478CAC042862582980063068F&view=viewSolicitationsOpenByDate)

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July 15: [Deadline to submit Federal Student-Centered Funding Pilot application](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esa/scfp/studentcentered.html?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

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4 p.m. July 18: [Deadline to submit application for FY 2019 Educational Surrogate Parent Training Program](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Surrogate-Parent-Program.aspx)

(<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/21st-Century-Community-Learning-Centers.aspx>)

Aug. 1: Deadline for final amendments for state and federal grants with a project end date of August 31, 2018

Aug. 1: [Deadline to submit application for the second cohort of the](#)

[Competency-Based High School Graduation Requirements Pilot Program](http://www.isbe.net/competency) (<http://www.isbe.net/competency>)

Aug. 6-7: [School Nutrition Programs \(SNP\) Back to School Conference](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/SNPB2S-agenda-2018.pdf) (<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/SNPB2S-agenda-2018.pdf>)

Aug. 8: [Illinois State Board of Education meeting](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Board-Information.aspx)

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Aug. 15: Deadline to submit 2017-18 Pupil Transportation Reimbursement Claim

Aug. 15: Deadline for waiver applications to be postmarked to be part of 2018 Fall Waiver Report

Aug. 15: Deadline to submit EIS employment/positions, evaluations, attendance, and salary

Aug. 31: District Average Daily Attendance/Prior General State Aid System in IWAS closes

Sept. 11-12: [Illinois State Board of Education Retreat and meeting](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2018_Board_Calendar.pdf) (https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2018_Board_Calendar.pdf)

July 3, 2018

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ENGLISH LEARNERS

Upcoming Bilingual Services, Funding, and Title III Workshops

The Division of English Learners (DEL) at the Illinois State Board of Education is hosting a series of workshops this summer to help bilingual directors and Title I directors review service requirements for English Learners (ELs) and prepare the federally funded Title III LIEP Grant. The workshop consists of two sessions. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops to work on their Title III applications during the afternoon session. A working lunch will be provided for those attending both the morning and afternoon sessions. [Registration is now available](http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBECONFERENCE/) (<http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBECONFERENCE/>).

July 12 - Springfield

July 17 - Waukegan

July 19 - Lisle

July 24 - East Moline

July 26 - Mount Vernon

July 26- Alsip

Morning Sessions: 9 a.m. - noon

- Acquaint bilingual program directors, particularly new program directors and Title I directors, with federal and state rules and regulations related to EL programs and services
- Federal Title III requirements as amended in ESSA
- Assistance and support from DEL
- Technical assistance from DEL
- Overview of State Bilingual Funding under Evidence-Based Funding

Afternoon Sessions: 1-3 p.m.


- Overview of Title III Funding
- Grant Periodic Reports required for Title III Grants
- Fiscal Year 2019 Title III LIEP and Immigrant Education Program application
- Technical assistance on completing program design and budgets

All attendees should register for the morning and/or afternoon sessions they plan to attend.

Contact your assigned DEL principal consultant if you have questions.

FUNDING & DISBURSEMENTS

Revised 2017-18 Pupil Transportation Claim Reimbursement Instructions Now Available

Please be advised that the [2017-18 Pupil Transportation Claim Reimbursement Instructions](#)  (/Documents/pupil_reimburse_instruct.pdf) have been revised and are available online. Details of the changes are provided below. As a reminder, Pupil Transportation Claims for the 2017-18 school year are due to ISBE on or before Aug. 15 per statute. Questions may be directed to the Division of Funding and Disbursement at (217) 782-5256

Instruction Revisions:

Page 19 - Line 14c Purchased Services

Item #1. Allowable costs include global positioning system (GPS) software and hardware in various forms used in bus routing applications as well as student tracking for safety. Specifically, these application programs allow for parents to track their student's pick-up and drop-off times/locations and the arrival times of buses. They can also be used for tracking attendance of students who are present on the bus in case of emergency.

Page 22 - Line 14g - Supplies; Page 36 Definition of Uniform

Allowable expenditures may include district-purchased clothing for personnel connected to the operations of pupil transportation. Appropriate, school-sponsored clothing must be in accordance with official board policy or written directive from district administration. Allowable clothing includes, but is not limited to, silk-screened or embroidered shirts, vests, jackets, hats/caps, helmets, arm bands, gloves, and other reflective clothing.

GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

New SAM Registration and Renewal Requirements

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires all entities to maintain an active DUNS number and active registration with the federal System for Award Management (SAM). SAM registrations expire annually.

Expired or invalid SAM accounts will delay the ISBE grant application process.

As a result of security issues, SAM implemented a requirement that all entities creating, renewing, or updating SAM registrations are now required to mail an original, signed, notarized letter to SAM confirming the authorized Entity Administrator associated with the entity's DUNS number before the registration or renewal is activated and the entity is fully compliant. This new SAM requirement delayed the validation process by several weeks. The delay has now resulted in changes to the SAM process to expedite approvals. Effective June 11, 2018, all entities creating, renewing, or updating SAM registrations are required to mail an original, signed, notarized letter to SAM confirming the authorized Entity Administrator associated with the entity's DUNS number **within 30 days of account activation**. Failure to do so within 30 days of activation may result in the registration no longer being active.

Another SAM security feature will be effective June 29, 2018. Current SAM user names and passwords will no longer be valid and users will be required to create a Login.gov user account. This new account will be associated with the email address on record with SAM.gov.

To create a Login.gov account, users must know the email address associated with the SAM.gov user name and password, have access to that email to receive a confirmation email from Login.gov, and have a working cell phone or landline to receive a security code from Login.gov.

ISBE encourages all grantees to review their accounts at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.sam.gov/) (<http://www.sam.gov/>) and to renew at least two months prior to expiration.

Further information is available at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.sam.gov/) (<http://www.sam.gov/>) or through the Federal Service Desk at (866) 606-8220.

IN BRIEF

Educator Recognition

- Congratulations to **Gretchen Brinza** of Alcott College Prep East Elementary Campus in Chicago and **Reginald Duncan** of Wingate Elementary School in Belleville for being selected to receive [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](https://www.paemst.org/) (<https://www.paemst.org/>)!

Upcoming Events

- **Shirlee Green Preschool** is hosting an event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 5. The event is a one-of-a-kind learning experience for early childhood educators that supports learning with nature. [Session lists and registration are now available](#) (<http://www.naturalexplorationsconference.com/>).


Professional Development Opportunities

- The Illinois Geographic Alliance and Teaching with Primary Sources project are offering a free workshop this summer titled “**Celebrating 200 Years of Illinois History: Exploring Geography through Primary Sources in the Elementary Classroom**” for elementary school educators 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. on July 10 at Illinois State University. [Registration](#) (https://forms.illinoisstate.edu/forms/geo_celebrating_200_years_of_illinois_history_workshop_registration_july2018) for the workshop is now available.

Funding Opportunities

- The **Gateway Scholarship Program** (<http://www.ilgateways.com/index.php/financial-opportunities/scholarship>) has funds available for eligible professionals working in early care and education or school-age programs who want to earn college credit, credentials, or degrees. Visit the Gateway webpage for additional details.

Program Recognition

- Congratulations to [Illinois' 2018 Farm to School Grantees](#)  (<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/f2s/FY18ListofAwards.pdf>)! Kane County, in partnership with the Juvenile Justice Center, and [Pilot Light](#) (<https://pilotlightchefs.org/who-we-help/>) were both awarded grants for program implementation and expansion.

ISBE Employment Opportunities

Watch for ISBE career opportunities and find instructions for applying at [Careers at ISBE](#) (<http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx>).