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Hello,

It's a wonderful time of year, as hallways and classrooms in schools across Illinois are full of students and teachers getting back into the swing of a new school year. We're returning to familiar routines and creating new connections that will impact students throughout their lifetime. This new school year also brings new opportunities to ensure we're supporting our schools and our students holistically. Our state's equity-based ESSA State Plan and Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) formula uniquely position us to assess, affirm, and advocate for improved equity within school districts and to better understand the relationship between student outcomes and financial investments.

The [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) (/essa) requires all states to begin site-based expenditure reporting, disaggregated by source of fund (federal vs. state/local), to be displayed on the [Illinois Report Card](https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/) (https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/). It's important to note: This reporting is not intended to be used for state accountability purposes. Rather, ISBE expects the data to be used at the local level to inform decision-making in your own school communities, while also meeting federal requirements. This clearer picture of financial data, coupled with a strong understanding of other data like school demographics and specific student outcomes, will allow leaders to make more data-driven decisions that directly benefit their students.

Site-based expenditure reporting was due in IWAS on Aug. 15, but district administrators still have until Friday, Aug. 30, to make any edits to submissions. When you're contemplating edits to site-based data or the narrative, you may find it useful to refer to [this resource displaying sample Illinois Report Card visualizations of the new data set](#)  (/Documents/SBER-Visualization-Overview-Districts.pdf). All resources for calculating, collecting, and reporting site-based expenditure data are available at isbe.net/site-based (/site-based). Any district requiring further assistance may [sign up for individualized office hours support](https://calendly.com/site-based/15min?back=1&month=2019-08) (https://calendly.com/site-based/15min?back=1&month=2019-08), email the ISBE Site-Based Team at site-based@isbe.net (mailto:site-based@isbe.net), or call the ISBE Division of Finance at (217) 782-0249.

Meanwhile, the 2020 Census is fast approaching. As educators, we're always striving to do our part to create a brighter future for our children, and the 2020 Census presents the perfect opportunity to do just that. We need to get the word out about the importance of every community member participating in the 2020 Census, and about the benefits of an accurate count. The U.S. Census Bureau has resources and materials available to educate students and adults in their home about the importance of counting everyone in the 2020 Census, especially children. You can get all the information for your school community at census.gov/schools (https://census.gov/schools).

Finally, a shoutout to Dr. Tron Young, principal at Joseph Arthur Middle School in O'Fallon, for getting creative in welcoming students back for the new school year! Dr. Young and his entire staff [traveled by school bus the day before classes to visit students at their homes](https://www.bnd.com/news/local/article234032437.html) (https://www.bnd.com/news/local/article234032437.html), delivering school supplies and balloons, and pledging their support throughout the new

school year. Dr. Young also created a [video remix of “Old Town Road”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnMmdHn3JHE) 🎵 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnMmdHn3JHE>) to welcome students back to District 104. Great job!

Sincerely,

Carmen

DATES AND DEADLINES

Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For more events and details, visit the [ISBE Calendar page](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx>).

Aug. 29	ISAC's FAFSA Symposium (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fafsa-symposium-tickets-66574306543)
Aug. 29	Illinois K-12 Broadband Network webinar (https://www2.illinois.gov/icn/events/webinars/Pages/2019-k12-network.aspx)
Aug. 30	Deadline to submit application for FY 2020 Career and Technical Education State Leadership Request for Proposal (https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FY20-Connections-Conference.pdf)
Aug. 30	Deadline to submit application for FY 2020 Educational Surrogate Parent Training Program RFP (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Surrogate-Parent-Program.aspx)
Aug. 30	Back to School Deep-Dive Webinar: Assessments Update (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1722297404494635010)
Aug. 30	Final deadline to submit edits to Site-Based Expenditure Report in IWAS
Aug. 30	Illinois K-12 Broadband Network webinar (https://www2.illinois.gov/icn/events/webinars/Pages/2019-k12-network.aspx)
Aug. 31	Deadline extended! Deadline to submit application to become Statistics in Schools census ambassador (https://www.census.gov/schools)
Sept. 1	Deadline for joint agreements to adopt annual budge (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.aspx)
Sept. 1	Deadline for ROEs/ISCs to file School Treasurer Bond Affidavit with ISBE
Sept. 2	ISBE offices closed for Labor Day
Sept. 5	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Bloomington (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnsalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 5	Illinois K-12 Broadband Network webinar (https://www2.illinois.gov/icn/events/webinars/Pages/2019-k12-network.aspx)
Sept. 6	Illinois K-12 Broadband Network webinar (https://www2.illinois.gov/icn/events/webinars/Pages/2019-k12-network.aspx)
Sept. 6	ISA Correction Window closes
Sept. 9	Deadline for superintendent signoff in Data Review and Verification Tool in MyIRC portal (https://www.isbe.net/Documents/June-2019-Data-Review-Verification-Tool-Memo.pdf)

Sept. 9	Title Grants New Director Training - Bloomington ROE 17 (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Title-Grants-New-Director-Training.aspx)
Sept. 10	Title Grants New Director Training - Chicago National Louis University (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Title-Grants-New-Director-Training.aspx)
Sept. 10	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Moline (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 11	Title Grants New Director Training - West 40 Intermediate Service Center (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Title-Grants-New-Director-Training.aspx)
Sept. 12	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Marion (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 13	Title Grants New Director Training - Regional Office of Education 13 (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Title-Grants-New-Director-Training.aspx)
Sept. 16	Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services Academy in Springfield (http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference/)
Sept. 17-18	Illinois State Board of Education Retreat (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)
Sept. 17	Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services Academy in Crestwood (http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference/)
Sept. 18	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Collinsville (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 19	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Effingham (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 24	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Itasca (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 25-27	2019 Bilingual Directors' Meeting (http://thecenterweb.org/files/directors-mtg-2019.pdf)
Sept. 25	School Nutrition Programs Verification training in Alsip (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Sept. 27	Deadline to complete the District Assessment Survey (https://www.isbe.net/assessmentsurvey)
Sept. 30	Deadline for school districts to adopt annual budget (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.aspx)
Sept. 30	Deadline to submit EBF Spending Plan (http://www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan)
Sept. 30	Deadline for schools to submit Bullying Prevention Policies to ISBE (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Bullying-Prevention.aspx)
Oct. 1	Deadline to submit application for United States Senate Youth Program (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/United-States-Senate-Youth-Program-Hearst-Scholarship.aspx)
Oct. 1	Deadline to submit TAOEP RFP application (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx)

Oct. 2-4	Early Childhood Education Sharing A Vision Conference (http://sharingavision.org/)
Oct. 6	National Board Certification Candidate Subsidy Fee applications due (https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php)
Oct. 15	Deadline to submit Annual Financial Report to ROE or ISC (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.aspx)
Oct. 15-16	Illinois State Board of Education Meeting in East St. Louis (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)
Oct. 15	Deadline to submit U.S. Presidential Scholars General Nominations
Oct. 15	Deadline to submit U.S. Presidential Scholars CTE Nominations (https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2020US-Pres-Scholars-CTE.pdf)
Oct. 17	Financial Management: A Course for School Nutrition Managers (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1265)
Oct. 31	Deadline to submit annual budget to ISBE (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.aspx)
Nov. 15	Deadline to submit Annual Financial Report to ISBE (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.aspx)
Nov. 22	Illinois State Board of Education Meeting in Chicago (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)

NEW

2020 CENSUS: EVERY STUDENT COUNTS

DEADLINE TO BECOME STATISTICS IN SCHOOLS CENSUS AMBASSADOR – AUG. 31

Shape the future for your students and school! Become an ambassador with the U.S. Census Bureau's Statistics in Schools program, which uses Census Bureau statistics to educate pre-K through 12th grade students about the importance of a complete and accurate census count.

Ideal candidates are active pre-K through 12 grade teachers who are excited to spearhead a national initiative at their schools while shaping the future of their communities through social media, collaboration, and leadership. The 2020 Census counts will impact Illinois' funding for the next 10 years. Each person's participation truly counts. Email CLMSO.SISambassador@census.gov (<mailto:CLMSO.SISambassador@census.gov>) to apply and visit the [US Census Bureau's Statistics in Schools page](https://www.census.gov/schools/) (<https://www.census.gov/schools/>) to learn more.

NEW

ASSESSMENTS

ISA CORRECTION WINDOW RE-OPENING AUG. 27-SEPT.6

In response to feedback from stakeholders regarding the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) correction window, ISBE will be re-opening the ISA correction window **today, Aug. 27, through Friday, Sept. 6**. We strongly encourage districts to check their ISA data, both in the IWAS Illinois Science Assessment system listing and in the Data Review and Verification Tool via MyIRC. Re-opening the window will allow districts to enter Reason For No Valid Test Attempt (RNVTA) codes for those students who do not have them. Please note that if you change your data it may potentially impact your participation rate and/or proficiency rate.

For assistance, please email assessment@isbe.net (<mailto:assessment@isbe.net>) or call (866) 317-6034.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

REGISTER FOR THE SHARING A VISION CONFERENCE – OCT. 2-4

Register for the Sharing A Vision Conference taking place **Oct. 2-4** at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. This exceptional conference is planned to meet the needs of early childhood professionals in the state and is coordinated by the Illinois Division for Early Childhood, in collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Human Services. This conference sold out in 2017. Registration ends on Sept. 18 and is available on the [Sharing A Vision website](http://www.sharingavision.org) (<http://www.sharingavision.org>).

The ISBE Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance Projects are hosting two pre-conference workshops – “Why Does He Do That?” and “Early Childhood Inclusion: Supporting Children’s Special Needs in High Quality Early Learning Environments Administrator Academy #1691.” We encourage you to check out these and the other offerings on the [Sharing A Vision website](http://sharingavision.org/conference-details/pre-conference-sessions/) (<http://sharingavision.org/conference-details/pre-conference-sessions/>). All pre-conference workshops offer five continuing education hours.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

ILLINOIS K-12 BROADBAND NETWORK

State funding has been allocated for a secure K-12 Broadband Network available at no cost for all Illinois K-12 public school districts. This program removes barriers limiting access to secure internet bandwidth essential in today's digital learning environment. The key objective is to provide connectivity through the Illinois Century Network (ICN), ensuring every Illinois public K-12 school district has sufficient and fully funded bandwidth to meet the needs of their students, faculty, and administration.

The ICN will be holding informational webinars on the following dates and times:

- Aug. 29 at 2 p.m.
- Aug. 30 at 10 a.m.
- Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 6 at 10 a.m.

[Register now for an Illinois K-12 Broadband Network webinar.](https://www2.illinois.gov/icn/events/webinars/Pages/2019-k12-network.aspx) (<https://www2.illinois.gov/icn/events/webinars/Pages/2019-k12-network.aspx>)

EDUCATOR SUPPORT & SUCCESS

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION CANDIDATE SUBSIDY FEE AVAILABLE SEPT. 5


ISBE is pleased to announce the \$1,900 [National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy Application](https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php) (<https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php>) is available starting Sept. 5 for Illinois teachers and counselors wishing to pursue National Board Certification beginning the 2019-20 school year. Applications are due by **Oct. 6**.

The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) provides free support for teachers and counselors throughout their journey to National Board Certification. Email Director Kristin Mason at kamason5@ilstu.edu (<mailto:kamason5@ilstu.edu>) or call the NBRC at (309) 438-1833 for more information.

Many teachers have commented that after completing the process that it was the best professional development experience of their career. For more information about the process, visit the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](https://www.nbpts.org/) (<https://www.nbpts.org/>).

ESSA SITE-BASED EXPENDITURE REPORTING

SITE-BASED EXPENDITURE REPORTING – FINAL DEADLINE AUG. 30

ESSA Site-Based Expenditure Reporting was due in IWAS as of Aug. 15, 2019. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) now have until **Aug. 30** to make any edits to their submissions by first requesting that their report be "un-submitted" on the main page of the IWAS Site-Based Expenditure Reporting system. When contemplating edits to site-based data or narrative, LEAs may find it useful to refer to [this resource displaying sample Illinois Report Card visualizations of the new data set](#)  (/Documents/SBER-Visualization-Overview-Districts.pdf). LEAs may also log into the IWAS Site-Based Expenditure Reporting system to see their own data in basic visualizations. **All submissions must be finalized by this Friday, Aug. 30.**

All resources for calculating, collecting, and reporting site-based expenditure data are available at isbe.net/site-based (/site-based). Any LEA requiring further assistance may sign up for individualized office hours support at <https://calendly.com/site-based> (https://calendly.com/site-based), email the ISBE Site-Based Team at site-based@isbe.net (mailto:site-based@isbe.net), or call Sara R. Shaw in the ISBE Division of Finance at (217) 782-0249.

EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING

FY 2020 EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR STUDENT POPULATIONS

ISBE annually reports the funding allocated to each school district for English Learner, low-income, and special education student populations to comply with the Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act. In addition, ISBE prepares a report that details the tier funding provided as a result of the increased computer and technology equipment cost factor in adequacy targets for districts in Tiers 1 and 2 in the prior year. A summary of the amounts allocated for fiscal year 2020 is now available under "What's New?" on the [EBF Distribution page](#) (/ebfdist). The detailed allocation reports may be found in the Reports section under FY 2020.



If you have questions, please contact State Funding and Forecasting at (217) 782-0249.

FY 2020 EBF SPENDING PLANS – NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE

The FY 2020 EBF Spending Plan includes three parts, asking the following questions of each Organizational Unit:

1. How does it intend to achieve student growth?
2. How does it plan to spend existing and new Evidence-Based Funding based on data?
3. How does it aim to allocate resources to support low-income students, students with disabilities, and English Learners?

An **optional worksheet** for the EBF Spending Plan is available to support collaboration and planning in advance of the official submission. The optional worksheet is available at [isbe.net/ebfspendingplan](https://www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan) (http://www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan). The optional worksheet is not required for budget submission and is solely for integrated planning purposes.

Visit [isbe.net/ebfspendingplan](https://www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan) (http://www.isbe.net/ebfspendingplan) for the **latest resource posted** -- a [recorded webinar](#)  (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8836931484107162883>) and [slides](#)  (/Documents/FY20-EBF-Annual-Spending-Plan.pdf) on the changes to the FY20 EBF Spending Plan.

The official EBF Spending Plan template will be released in IWAS on or around Sept. 3, 2019, and is due Sept. 30, 2019, as required by statute. All Organizational Units are required to submit an official EBF Spending Plan, whether or not the optional worksheet is utilized. Please note the optional worksheet is for planning purposes and will not pre-populate into IWAS.

If you have any questions while working through the optional worksheet, please contact ISBE at ebfspendingplan@isbe.net (mailto:ebfspendingplan@isbe.net).


GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY ACT


NEW GATA AUDIT REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

A reminder that new guidance has been posted to help grantees complete and comply with GATA requirements for FY 2019. A brief webinar and instructions are available under the “What’s New?” tab at [isbe.net/gata](http://www.isbe.net/gata) (<http://www.isbe.net/gata>). All entities that receive grant funding from the Illinois State Board of Education should review this information and share it with their audit firms. Please contact the ISBE GATA Division at (217) 782-5630 or via email at gata@isbe.net (<mailto:gata@isbe.net>) if you have any questions.

SAFE & HEALTHY CLIMATE

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Immigrant Students’ Rights: ISBE has recently posted a [fact sheet](#)  (/Documents/Immigrant-Students-Right.pdf) available in eight languages outlining the rights that all immigrant students have to a free public education. It explains that the legal immigration status of a parent or child has no bearing on the rights of the student to enroll in a public school. The laws of Illinois and the United States guarantee all students equal access to a free public education through grade 12 until the age of 21, regardless of legal immigrant status.

Inclusive Schools Task Force: ISBE also offers supports for schools to foster safe and inclusive environments for transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming students. Governor Pritzker [issued an executive order](#)  (https://www2.illinois.gov/ISNews/20276-Executive_Order_19-11.pdf) June 30 creating an Inclusive Schools Task Force, which will inform the way ISBE produces content, determines best practices, and provides guidance to districts. ISBE is currently working with partners to create a model Transgender Student guidance policy for public school districts. Curricular resources are also currently being identified for non-mandated, supplemental use across grade levels and for specific communities.

Visit ISBE’s [School Climate page](#) (/Pages/School-Climate.aspx) for additional information and resources regarding school safety plans, healthy learning environments, and social support.

REMINDER: BULLYING PREVENTION POLICIES DUE BY SEPT. 30

Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7) requires that all public schools, nonsectarian nonpublic schools, and charter schools create and implement policies concerning bullying prevention.

Policies **must be filed with ISBE by Sept. 30, 2019**. These policies must also be reviewed and re-evaluated every two years and be updated to reflect any necessary and appropriate revisions.

Acceptable documentation to satisfy the re-evaluated policy submission include one of the following, as applicable:

1. An updated version of the policy with the amendment/modification date included in the reference portion of the policy;
2. If no revisions are deemed necessary, a copy of board minutes clearly indicating that the policy was re-evaluated and no changes were deemed to be necessary or a signed statement from the board president indicating that the policy was re-evaluated and no changes were deemed to be necessary.

Initial policies in conformance with the aforementioned must be sent via email to Bullyingpolicy@isbe.net (<mailto:Bullyingpolicy@isbe.net>) no later than **Sept. 30, 2019**. Please visit ISBE’s [Bullying Prevention Resources](#) (/Pages/Bullying-Prevention.aspx) site for additional details and requirements for the policies. Questions or concerns may be directed to bullyingpolicy@isbe.net (<mailto:bullyingpolicy@isbe.net>).

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

UPCOMING IN-PERSON NUTRITION TRAININGS

Financial Management: A Course for School Nutrition Managers

ISBE's Nutrition Division is partnering with the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) to offer a free in-person training on "Financial Management: A Course for School Nutrition Managers." [Registration is underway on ISBE's website](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar.asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1265) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar.asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1265>).

The ICN training is set for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Oct. 17** in Springfield at the ISBE offices located at 100 N. First St. It is worth six continuing education units. Lunch will be provided. The event capacity is 40 participants. Registered participants can sign in on site beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the training.

This training was developed for site-based school nutrition managers and supervisors. Participants receive instruction on the relationship of program cost and revenue, standard security practices to protect the financial integrity, budget management, increasing productivity and decreasing waste, and staff responsibility for sound financial management practices. For more information about the course, [visit the ICN website](https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/financial-management-a-course-for-school-nutrition-directors-2/) (<https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/financial-management-a-course-for-school-nutrition-directors-2/>).

Verification Process Trainings

Trainings across the state are scheduled covering the steps to Verification of Household Eligibility Applications and the submission of the Verification Summary Report (VSR).

Verification and the VSR are required in USDA School-Based Child Nutrition Programs. [Please note that districtwide Community Eligibility Provision sponsors do not need to complete the Verification process.] Topics covered at the half-day trainings include conducting application and student counts, contacting households, assessing documentation, notifying households, and summarizing results of the Verification.

Please register right away, as class sizes are limited. The scheduled dates and locations are:

- Sept. 5 — Bloomington
- Sept. 10 — Moline
- Sept. 12 — Marion
- Sept. 18 — Collinsville
- Sept. 19 — Effingham
- Sept. 24 — Itasca
- Sept. 25 — Alsip (two sessions)

[Register for any of the trainings online](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar.asp/eventlist.asp) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar.asp/eventlist.asp>). Visit the ISBE Nutrition Division website for [Verification](/Pages/School-Based-Child-Nutrition-Documents.aspx) (/Pages/School-Based-Child-Nutrition-Documents.aspx) resources.

TRUANTS' ALTERNATIVE & OPTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2020 TAOEP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RFP NOW AVAILABLE

The [application for the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program \(TAOEP\) Professional Development Request for Proposal \(RFP](/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx) (/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx)) is now available for school year 2019-20.

The program is designed to provide a digital curriculum for enrolled TAOEP students; professional development for program staff; technical assistance for program implementation and use of the digital curriculum; electronic statewide network services, including a program website and listserv; and program evaluation services.

A webinar with application information will be held from **2-3:30 p.m. on Aug. 22**. [Registration for the TAOEP webinar is now available](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6627245164346051587) (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6627245164346051587).

The deadline for submitting the TAOEP RFP application is **4 p.m. on Oct. 1**. Technical assistance on items not covered by the instructions and procedures may be obtained by contacting taoep@isbe.net (mailto:taoep@isbe.net) or (217) 782-5270.

NEW

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

U.S. Presidential Scholars General Nominations

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program honors students on the basis of outstanding scholarship. Principals and school counselors can nominate high school seniors graduating between January and June of 2020 who might not otherwise be recognized through the SAT/ACT, Arts, or CTE recognition process. All high school seniors who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible. Administrators, counselors, and teachers may nominate **up to 10 students** for consideration.

[Download and complete the nomination form](#) (/Documents/88-01A-B.pdf). Applications must be postmarked by Friday, **Oct. 15**, or hand-delivered to ISBE by **4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15**.

U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education Nominations

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program now honors students on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in career and technical education (CTE) fields. Therefore, in addition to the general nominations, ISBE is also asking administrators, counselors, and teachers to nominate students from their jurisdiction to be included as candidates for recognition for excellence in CTE. Administrators, counselors, and teachers may nominate **up to five CTE students per school** for consideration.

All high school seniors who are participants in a CTE program graduating between January and June of 2020 who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible.

The top five nominees from Illinois will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. All 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a ceremony in their honor in Washington, D.C.

[Download and complete the nomination and application form](#) (/Documents/2020US-Pres-Scholars-CTE.pdf). Please submit nominations and applications to Kim Barnes-Cummins, CTE specialist in the ISBE College and Career Readiness Division, 100 N. First St., Springfield, IL 62777. Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, Oct. 15**, or hand-delivered to ISBE by **4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15**.

For additional information about the program, visit the [U.S. Department of Education's U.S. Presidential Scholars Program page](http://www.ed.gov/psp) (http://www.ed.gov/psp).

IN BRIEF

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The University of Missouri Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders is proud to announce the **14th annual Thompson Center Autism Conference Sept. 26-27, 2019**. This year's conference will feature keynote presentations by Lorri Unumb, JD, CEO of the Council of Autism Service Providers, and John Constantino, MD, Blanche F. Ittleson Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. This conference aims to educate and provide support for professionals, including

educators, psychologists, speech/language pathologists, medical professionals, applied behavior analysts, employment specialists, vocational rehabilitation counselors, service coordinators, and advocates, who work with individuals with autism spectrum disorders. All sessions of the conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Mo. [Find more information and register](https://one.bidpal.net/tcautismconf) (<https://one.bidpal.net/tcautismconf>).

- The University of Illinois, CS4IL, and partnering sponsors are cohosting the inaugural **Illinois Statewide K-12 Computer Science Education Summit** on **Sept. 20** in Urbana. The summit will engage K-12 educators, administrators, policymakers, industry professionals, nonprofits, and legislators in a day of collaboration, presentations, panel discussions, and working groups, all of which is bound by the shared goal of making computer science for all students a reality in Illinois. [Visit the ILCS Ed Summit page for registration and additional details](https://www.ilcsedsummit.org/) (<https://www.ilcsedsummit.org/>).

EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

- The **Illinois Rural Teacher Leader Collaborative** (<https://teachplus.org/rural-teacher-leader-collaborative-2019-20>) is currently accepting applications from National Board Certified-teachers in Illinois. The Rural Teacher Leader Collaborative will recruit, select, train, and support outstanding teacher leaders to lead a school-based effort to address a problem of practice that affects students across their school. The initiative is funded through the Illinois State Board of Education and is a collaboration of Teach Plus and the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, hosted by Bunker Hill School District. The application deadline is **Feb. 12**. If you have questions about the program, please contact jbellingeri@teachplus.org (<mailto:jbellingeri@teachplus.org>).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The Illinois Principals Association is hosting the **2019 Education Leaders Annual Conference Oct. 20-22** in Peoria. [Register and find additional information about the conference](https://ipa2019.zerista.com/) (<https://ipa2019.zerista.com/>).
- The Ed Leaders Network is offering an on-demand, online courses titled “**Leading Teaching and Learning: Facilitating Outcome-Based Conversations**” for three PD hours. This course will strengthen a school leader’s ability to facilitate conversations with staff in order to nurture professional growth. Participants will analyze the impact and influence such conversations have on instruction as well as investigate the skills necessary to lead outcome-based discussions effectively. [Enroll now](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/f133b07a/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/f133b07a/enroll>).

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

- The **University of Illinois at Chicago’s Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)** (<https://dscc.uic.edu/>) is a resource for school health professionals who work with children with special needs and complex medical conditions. DSCC is a statewide program that partners with Illinois families and their local communities to connect children with special health care needs to the services and resources they need to reach their full potential. DSCC guides and supports families through their child’s journey with a diagnosis and put them at the center of a seamless support system that improves the quality of their lives. [Referrals](https://dscc.uic.edu/for-providers/refer-a-family/) (<https://dscc.uic.edu/for-providers/refer-a-family/>) to the program are simple. Visit the [UIC Specialized Care for Children website](https://dscc.uic.edu/) (<https://dscc.uic.edu/>), call (800) 322-3722, or email dscc@uic.edu (<mailto:dscc@uic.edu>) to learn more about DSCC and its programs.

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