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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>) or call the Illinois State Board of Education at (866) 262-6663.

Aug. 6-7	WIDA Professional Development Workshop in East Moline (free) (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/WIDA-Workshops.aspx)
Aug. 7	ISBE Nutrition Division – Direct Certification and Certification of Household Eligibility Applications Regional Workshop – Oak Lawn (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Aug. 7	Webinar: ISBE Data Engagement (https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9201940756540459523)
Aug. 8	ISBE Nutrition Division – Direct Certification and Certification of Household Eligibility Applications Regional Workshop – Bloomington (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Aug. 8-18	ISBE at the State Fair (http://www.isbe.net/statefair)
Aug. 9	Webinar: Assessment Update (https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7167545164522275074)
Aug. 9	Webinar: Title I School Improvement 1003(a) Grant Application (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6700139486798657537)
Aug. 12	Webinar: Accelerated Placement Act (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/592614078186072065)
Aug. 13	ISBE Nutrition Division – Direct Certification and Certification of Household Eligibility Applications Regional Workshop – O’Fallon (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)
Aug. 13	ISBE Back to School Webinar for District Administrators (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4736673403226867971)
Aug. 13	Back to School Deep-Dive Webinar: 2019 Report Card (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/55025459485901825)

Aug. 14	School Nutrition Programs: Direct Certification webinar - Aug. 14 (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7969276070625824002)
Aug. 14	Illinois State Board of Education meeting in Springfield (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)
Aug. 15	Deadline to submit Annual Pupil Transportation Reimbursement claim to ISBE (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Funding-and-Disbursements-Transportation-Programs.aspx)
Aug. 15	School Nutrition Programs: Certification of Household Eligibility Applications webinar - Aug. 15 (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4080588216693876994)
Aug. 15	Deadline to submit Site-Based Expenditure Reports in IWAS (https://www.isbe.net/site-based)
Aug. 15	Application deadline for the Fall 2019 Waiver Report (https://www.isbe.net/waiver)
Aug. 15	Back to School Deep-Dive Webinar: Summative Designations (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5720353680040091907)
Aug. 16	Webinar: Title I School Improvement 1003(a) Deliverables (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8826741209964323073)
Aug. 21	Back to School Deep-Dive Webinar: Teacher Assignability (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2306310702034817795)
Aug. 21	Webinar: 2019-20 EBF Spending Plans (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7951578332788307970)
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. 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. 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
Sept. 10	Title Grants New Director Training - Chicago National Louis University
Sept. 11	Title Grants New Director Training - West 40 Intermediate Service Center
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Sept. 17-18	Illinois State Board of Education Retreat (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)
Sept. 30	Deadline for school districts to adopt annual budget (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.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. 15	Deadline to submit Annual Financial Report to ROE or ISC (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance.aspx)
Oct. 15	Illinois State Board of Education Meeting - East St. Louis (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)
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)

Hello,

It's time to get excited – I know we're all looking forward to the start of another great school year! As you gear up for students to return to the classroom, ISBE is here to provide all the information and supports you need to make this your school's best year yet. It's our mission as the Illinois State Board of Education to ensure that every single student has the support they need to succeed, and that starts with supporting you as school leaders. We're also here to listen to your feedback and ensure that we have ongoing conversations that move Illinois education forward.

ISBE's Back to School webpage is now live at [isbe.net/backtoschool](https://www.isbe.net/backtoschool) (/backtoschool), where you'll find important information for school administrators, teachers, staff, and families. Our yearly Back to School webinar series kicks off next Tuesday with a webinar specifically for district and ROE superintendents and ISC directors. We'll talk about resources that are available to administrators, as well as answer any questions you may have. You'll also hear from ISBE's new chief education officer, Dr. Ernesto Matias, and ISBE senior staff will be on hand to address common questions during a Q&A session. You can register for this webinar at [isbe.net/backtoschool](https://www.isbe.net/backtoschool) (/backtoschool). If you have a question you'd like answered during the Q&A, you can submit it now by emailing backtoschool@isbe.net (mailto:backtoschool@isbe.net).

We're also offering a deep-dive webinar series again this year, covering key topics that affect schools and districts. Our deep-dive webinars are scheduled through the end of August:

- 2019 Report Card: August 13
- Summative Designations: August 15
- Teacher Assignability: August 21
- Assessments Update: August 30

You can learn more about what will be covered in each of these areas and register for these webinars at [isbe.net/backtoschool](https://www.isbe.net/backtoschool) (<http://www.isbe.net/backtoschool>).

We want to see what Back to School looks like in your district, whether it's your classroom prep or students on their first day back. Share your photos on social media with #ILBacktoSchool. Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisStateBoardofEducation/?ref=bookmarks) (<https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisStateBoardofEducation/?ref=bookmarks>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ISBEnews) (<https://twitter.com/ISBEnews>), where we'll also share some of your back-to-school photos.

Finally, hopefully you're enjoying the new design of ISBE's Weekly Message, which we are unveiling today. We conducted a survey to get your feedback on updating the Weekly Message last spring. We heard from 534 superintendents, and your feedback strongly influenced our redesign decisions. We hope you find it easier to navigate so you can find all the important information your district needs. If you have any other suggestions

or feedback – on any topic – don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to serve your needs and always value your feedback.

Sincerely,

Carmen


NEW

EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING


FY 2020 EBF CALCULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The FY 2020 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) calculations are now complete and available on the ISBE website at www.isbe.net/ebfdist (<http://www.isbe.net/ebfdist>). We anticipate the first of the 22 payments will be released on August 9.

Every year ISBE staff strives to build upon the tools we provide to districts to navigate what is a very complex formula. For fiscal year 2020, you will notice that the full calculation file opens to a District Results Summary page that displays the most critical elements of the EBF calculation. Should you wish to only view those elements, you can select your District ID (RCDT) from the drop-down list found in the yellow box. As in prior years, the full calculation is available for all to view by navigating the tabs found at the bottom of the Excel file.

As a reminder, ISBE produces a variety of resources for districts to better understand EBF, including an [EBF Distribution Calculation Guide](#)  (/Documents/EBF_Presentation_Detailed.pdf).

Please note FY 2020 Student Population Allocation Reports will be available in the coming weeks to use as you prepare your FY 2020 Spending Plans. Watch for a notice in the Weekly Message.

For more information regarding EBF Spending Plans, [register for the upcoming 2019-20 EBF Spending Plan Informational Webinar from 4-5 p.m. on Aug. 21.](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7951578332788307970) 
(<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7951578332788307970>)

If you have questions about the calculations, you are welcome to contact [Jason Hall](mailto:jhall@isbe.net) (mailto:jhall@isbe.net) or [Leticia Pickens](mailto:lpickens@isbe.net) (mailto:lpickens@isbe.net) at (217) 782-0249.

SCHOOL FINANCES

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL TREASURER BONDS

Section 3-8 and Section 8-2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/3-8 and 105 ILCS 5/8-2) require regional superintendents of schools to file a yearly affidavit with ISBE showing which treasurers of school districts in their region are properly bonded. This affidavit must be filed before **Sept. 1**.

Copies of the actual school treasurer bond should not be filed with ISBE.

Section 8-2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/8-2) requires each treasurer of a school district to be properly bonded. The penalty of the bond shall be 25 percent of the amount of all bonds, notes, mortgages, moneys, and effects of which the treasurer is to have custody at any given time. The bond shall be increased or decreased from time to time, as the increase or decrease of the amount of notes, bonds, mortgages, moneys, and effects may require. The bond shall be payable to the township trustees of schools over the district or payable to the school board of the district, whichever is applicable. The bond shall be filed with the regional superintendent of schools. Again, school districts should not file a copy of their bonds with ISBE.

Section 3-8 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/3-8) describes the duties of the regional superintendent of schools upon receipt of the treasurer bonds. The regional superintendent shall carefully examine the bond of any school treasurer after it has been filed. If the bond is found to be in all respects according to law and the sureties sufficient, the regional superintendent shall endorse his/her approval and file it with the papers of his/her

office. If the bond is in any respect defective or if the sureties are insufficient, the bond shall be returned for correction.

In Cook County, the responsibilities and duties of the regional superintendent of schools detailed in Section 3-8 and Section 8-2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/3-8 and 105 ILCS 5/8-2) will be assumed by the respective Intermediate Service Center.

An [electronic version of the affidavit and other information](/Pages/School-Treasurer-Bonds.aspx) (/Pages/School-Treasurer-Bonds.aspx) are available online.

Please contact Michelle Heninger, School Business Services Division, at (217) 785-8779 or mheninge@isbe.net (mailto:mheninge@isbe.net) with any follow-up questions.

NEW

TITLE GRANTS

SAVE THE DATE - TITLE GRANTS NEW DIRECTOR TRAINING

ISBE invites all first- and second-year Title directors to save the date to attend a day of professional learning and personalized support. ISBE Title Grants staff is visiting communities throughout the state to assist new directors in Title programming, grant administration, and reporting requirements. Registration will be available next week. Reach out with any questions to ISBE's Title Grants Division at (217) 785-1969.

Dates and Locations:

- Sept. 9: Bloomington ROE 17 (200 W. Front Street, #500D, Bloomington)
- Sept. 10: Chicago National Louis University (122 S. Michigan Ave, 2nd Floor, Chicago)
- Sept. 11: West 40 Intermediate Service Center (4413 Roosevelt Road Suite 104, Hillside)
- Sept. 13: Regional Office of Education 13 (1710 Broadway, Mt. Vernon)

TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT – 1003(A) GRANT UPDATE AND WEBINARS

ISBE Title I School Improvement 1003(a) allocations will be released to qualifying Local Education Agencies (LEAs) on **Aug. 7, 2019**. LEAs qualify for this federal funding if they had one or more schools designated for improvement on the 2018 Illinois State Report Card. Designations were based on the accountability system outlined in the Illinois Every Student Succeeds Act Support and Accountability Plan.

Schools designated for targeted and comprehensive support may access the Illinois Quality Framework Supporting Rubric (IQFSR) and School Improvement Plan (SIP) via the ISBE electronic Grant Management System. As a reminder, schools designated for comprehensive support are required to select a learning partner to engage in school improvement efforts. The submission date for completing the IQFSR and SIP and selecting a learning partner is **Dec. 30, 2019**.

Districts are encouraged to join the ISBE team from **1-1:30 p.m. on Aug. 9** for an [informational webinar on completing the Title I School Improvement 1003\(a\) grant application](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6700139486798657537) (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6700139486798657537). A second webinar regarding [school improvement deliverables](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8826741209964323073) (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8826741209964323073) will be conducted from **1-2:30 p.m. on Aug. 16** by the IL-EMPOWER Division.

For questions related to the grant application, please contact the Title Grants Division at (217) 785-1969. Questions regarding school improvement deliverables can be directed to the IL-EMPOWER Division at (312) 814-1088.

NEW

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

ESSA SITE-BASED EXPENDITURE REPORTING – DUE AUG. 15

There is less than two weeks left to report site-based expenditures through IWAS. If your LEA has not yet signed into the IWAS System for Site-Based Expenditure Reporting and/or is not familiar with this requirement, please be aware that the reporting does take time to complete. ESSA Site-Based Expenditure Reporting will give LEAs and local communities an unprecedented opportunity to assess, affirm, and advocate for improved equity within school districts and to better understand the relationship between student outcomes and financial investments. In this first year of reporting, however, data calculation and collection represents a significant lift for LEAs. We encourage you to give your LEA enough time to prepare your submission before the deadline. **IWAS is open for FY 2019 Site-Based Expenditure reporting from July 1 to Aug. 15, 2019.** **Edits to submissions may be made until Aug. 30, 2019.**

All published supports for Site-Based Expenditure Reporting are available at www.isbe.net/site-based (<http://www.isbe.net/site-based>).

Office hours to discuss Site-Based Expenditure Reporting with the ISBE team are available every **Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon** through Aug. 29. To sign up for a 15-minute slot, visit <https://calendly.com/site-based> (<https://calendly.com/site-based>). If office hours are unavailable, email site-based@isbe.net (<mailto:site-based@isbe.net>).

NEW

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

UPCOMING ACCELERATED PLACEMENT WEBINAR – AUG. 12

ISBE's Division of Curriculum and Instruction will host a webinar and Q&A session on the Accelerated Placement Act at 3 p.m. Aug. 12.

[Registration is now available](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/592614078186072065) 📄 (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/592614078186072065>).

The Act requires all school districts to develop and implement a local policy that uses a fair and equitable decision-making process with multiple measures to identify students who may benefit from accelerated placement. [Parents and educators can view existing guidance on the Act](#) 📄 ([/Documents/Accelerated_Placement_Act_Guidance.pdf](#)).

NEW

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PREPARING FOR KIDS: A MONTHLY IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR DISTRICTS

Kindergarten teachers and administrators know that the start of the school year signals the beginning of observation and collection of evidence of developmental readiness for a new group of kindergarten students using the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS). School and building administrators, curriculum and assessment coordinators, IT directors, and classroom teachers may find a month-by-month planning guide helpful when laying out a timeline of tasks necessary to smoothly implement KIDS. ISBE has created the [KIDS Monthly Implementation Guide](#) 📄 ([/Documents/KIDS-Monthly-Implementation-Plan.pdf](#)).

District administrators and teachers are encouraged to contact their regional KIDS coach for questions and individualized support. Administrators may request assistance with the SIS and KIDStech uploads, plan a workshop for a School Improvement Plan day, seek coaching support for professional learning community times, or reach out for answers to specific questions along the way. Please contact Terri Lamb at tlamb@isbe.net (<mailto:tlamb@isbe.net>) or Michelle Escapa at mescapa@roe51.org (<mailto:mescapa@roe51.org>) for questions about KIDS.

NEW

UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) is a scholarship program sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for this program. The scholarship sends two eligible students from each state for an all-expenses-paid week in Washington, D.C., March 7-14, 2020. While in Washington, they hear policy addresses, meet with senators, Cabinet members, and officials of the Departments of State and Defense. Delegates also traditionally participate in a meeting with a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and the president of the United States. Upon successful completion of Washington Week, finalists are provided a \$10,000 scholarship. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 1.** [Visit the USSYP website \(/Pages/United-States-Senate-Youth-Program-Hearst-Scholarship.aspx\)](/Pages/United-States-Senate-Youth-Program-Hearst-Scholarship.aspx) to learn more about the eligibility and application process.

IN BRIEF

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 contribute to 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 Ed Leaders Network is offering an on-demand, online course 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>).
- Lewis University is offering a **Workshop for School Nurses** on **Aug. 12-13** in Vandalia. The workshop fee is \$250. Workshop content will focus on Physical Assessment training, updates in legislation, school nursing practice, and care of students with diabetes. [Workshop for School Nurses registration is available](https://www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-schools-vandalia) (<https://www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-schools-vandalia>).
- The Illinois Association of School Boards and the Illinois Association of School Administrators are hosting **Seeking the Superintendency**, an intensive one-day seminar designed to assist anyone seeking employment as a superintendent. Seminar dates are **Sept. 5** and **Sept. 19**. [Seeking the Superintendency registration is available](https://iasb.netforum.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=IASB&WebKey=bc945ce1-4d3f-4201-aaf3-3bd712b858f4&FromSearchControl=Yes) (<https://iasb.netforum.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=IASB&WebKey=bc945ce1-4d3f-4201-aaf3-3bd712b858f4&FromSearchControl=Yes>).

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

- The **Illinois Department of Public Health** (IDPH) recently posted a [press release](https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=20390) (<https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=20390>) regarding recent hospitalizations potentially tied to vaping. This release comes after three young people in Illinois

experienced severe breathing problems after vaping. The individuals were eventually admitted to the hospital. IDPH is encouraging parents to talk with their teens about vaping and the consequences and potential dangers of it.

- **Biology Education Advancement Program (BioLEAP)** (<http://www.bioleap.org/>) is offering resources for teachers wanting to learn more about cost-saving dissection alternatives. View up-to-date information about innovative dissection alternatives, a breakdown of cost savings associated with dissection alternatives, and more.

ISBE FEATURED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Learn more and apply for the below career opportunities at ISBE!
 - [Educator Licensure – License Renewal, Professional Development, and Grants](/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=342) (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=342)
 - [School Finance Data Analysis](/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=340) (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=340)
- [View all open positions at ISBE.](/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx) (/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx)