

Central Rivers AEA SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING October 2017

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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT APPLICATION (CASA) UPDATE

All Assurances, and Preschool Desk Audits were completed by the due date – thanks everyone for working to meet this deadline! School Improvement Consultants will review all submissions and emails will be generated as the work is completed.

The AEA, K-12, and pilot Preschool Desk Audits are now open in CASA. These collections will be open until December 15. A webinar about the AEA and K-12 desk audit is posted in two places on the department website, the Differentiated Accountability page and the CASA page. Guidance documents are also posted on these pages as is a webinar for those districts volunteering to pilot the Preschool Desk Audit.

The desk audits are designed to be easy to understand and utilize for providing evidence of compliance with accreditation standards. Each section of the desk audit includes two avenues for additional information, a blue information circle, or a blue hyperlink to the CASA webpage. Your school improvement consultant can also provide assistance as needed. Please don't hesitate to contact us as you work through the desk audits.

EARLY LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS

Please submit application in IowaGrants ASAP if your district has not already. Additional information found on the [Department's website](#).

SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNT

Special Education Enrollment count is Friday, October 27, 2017. For more information, please contact your AEA Special Education Director or John Lee, john.lee@iowa.gov or (515)281-5733.

SPRING ENROLLMENT OPEN NOW

Iowa Learning Online is now accepting enrollments for the Spring 2018 semester. Each standard enrollment includes a four week trial/grace period. **After the grace period, the local school will be billed a \$260 fee per enrollment.** If a school/student situation does not fit within either cohort (such as a late enrollment), schools may contact ILO to discuss options for a special accommodation. For more information, view the article in the October School Leader Update or visit our website to review the [course descriptions](#), [log in](#) or [sign up](#).

- **Spring 2018 Cohort A:** January 2 to May 4 (early enrollment ends at 4pm Tuesday, Jan. 16)
- **Spring 2018 Cohort B:** January 16 to May 18 (early enrollment ends at 4pm Monday, Jan. 29)

IOWA CULTURE AND LANGUAGE CONFERENCE

The annual conference will held at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center November 6-8th. Registration and further information are available at lowaclc.com.

IOWA ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Social Studies: There are brand new standards for social studies. The [implementation plan](#) spans over 3 years. This is year 1, Exploration, Awareness, and Capacity Building. Look for professional learning for administrators being held at your local AEA this year.

Science: This is year 3 in the [implementation](#) of the new standards for science, Leveraging Partnerships, Analysis, and Development. A needs assessment for administrators will be coming in October.

Fine Arts: New voluntary standards for fine arts are being recommended to the State Board in November.

Mathematics and ELA: We have several communities for educators to connect to learn about standards and instruction.

Mathematics-

- Core Advocates (Shifts and Standards) - [Join Here](#),
- Principles to Actions (Effective Instructional Practices) - [Join here](#)
- Number Sense (K-2) - [Join Here](#)

ELA-

- Core Advocates (Shifts and Standards)-[Join Here](#)
- Literacy News You Can Use (strategies and best practice monthly newsletter) -[Join Here](#)

Any questions, contact Dr. Erika Cook, erika.cook@iowa.gov

BEWARE OF FREE GRANT WRITING – 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Some companies operate online “free” grant writing services that are not free. Some require a signed contract before receiving an award that require a purchase from a third party in exchange for their services if awarded.

21st Century Community Learning grant funds cannot be used before the award is received and any purchases must be allowable. Agreements entered into before receiving a grant award are not payable with 21st Century Community Learning funds. Consider contacting your attorney before entering into any agreements.

From Evaluation Guidelines in Request for Application (RFA): No more than 4% of each program’s total budget can be used for local evaluation efforts. You may NOT use grant funds to pay for grant writing or make purchases, enter into any contract or incur expenses before you have a signed grant agreement. –pg. 22 of Iowa RFA

Grant Writing expenses are paid with your funds: Example: If you receive an award of \$100,000- You may spend up to \$4,000 on local evaluation and are not reimbursable with grant funds.

The competition is currently open for [21st Century Community Learning Centers grant](#). You must have a minimum of 40% free and reduced lunch for each building you serve and you must make a commitment to provide a minimum 60 hours of programming per month.

- **November 9, 2017** - FAQ Webinar and Virtual Technical Assistance Meeting - 9-10 a.m. <https://meet689428149.adobeconnect.com/iowa21cclc/> Call in information: 1-800-444-2801; passcode 2895301
- **Online Letter of Intent:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/21CCLCLOI18> (Complete by November 10, 2017) Completion of this short survey will serve as the Letter of Intent to apply for 21st Century Community Learning Centers funding. A separate “letter” is not required.

- **December 15, 2017** – Grant applications due date. Must be received inside, or delivered to, the Iowa Department of Education by 4:30 P.M. CDT

All the application materials are available online <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/title-programs/title-iv-part-b-21st-century-community-learning-centers> . If you have any questions, please contact Vic Jaras, Consultant for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (vic.jaras@iowa.gov).

RESOURCES

[Iowa's ESSA Plan](#)

[School Leader Update](#)

[Home schooling \(Private Instruction\)](#)

[Anti-bullying Resources](#)

[Open Enrollment](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	National School Lunch Program (NSLP): Districts must select sample for Verification (7 CFR 245.6a(5))	Deb Linderblood Deb.Linderblood@iowa.gov
October 1	Title II, Part A. Revision of Allocations based on Final allocations made to the IDOE	Isbelia Arzola Isbelia.Arzola@iowa.gov Linda Carroll Linda.Carroll@iowa.gov Jay Pennington Jay.Pennington@iowa.gov
October 1	Board resolutions for studying reorganization due to DE for any Whole Grade Sharing (WGS) districts that want to begin receiving WGS supplementary weighting (2013 is last year).	Carla Schimelfenig carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov
October 1 Sunday, moved to October 2	Certified Student Count Taken (257.6(1))	Margaret Hanson Margaret.Hanson@iowa.gov Rachel Kruse Rachel.Kruse@iowa.gov
October 1	The number of students participating in whole-grade sharing shall be determined (for first semester) (282.12). Not required to report to the Department of Education	Carla Schimelfenig carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov
October 1	Facility, Bond, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL), Elections	Gary Schwarz gary.schwartz@iowa.gov
October 1	School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Application for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) for Limited English Proficient Excess Costs Deadline	Carla Schimelfenig carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov
October 3	October School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) meeting	Tom Cooley tom.cooley@iowa.gov

October 15	On-line Fall student count (Certified Enrollment) certification, including Supplementary Weighting, Due (257.6(1))	Margaret Hanson Margaret.Hanson@iowa.gov Rachel Kruse Rachel.Kruse@iowa.gov
October 15	On-line Fall Basic Education Data Survey (BEDS) staffing, including supplementary weighting for operational function sharing, Due	Connie Brooks connie.brooks@iowa.gov
October 15	On-line Fall Basic Education Data Survey (BEDS) due	Jay Pennington jay.pennington@iowa.gov
October 15	Late date to notify the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) if the district incurred a negative unspent balance and begin developing a corrective action plan	Carla Schimelfenig carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov
October 15 (available for an extension)	Title II-Part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting) Application available	Isbelia Arzola isabelia.arzola@iowa.gov
October	Special Education Student Weighted Count (257.6(5) and 273.5(5)), last Friday in October.	John Lee john.lee@iowa.gov
October 31	Certified Enrollment Last Day to resolve data issues	Margaret Hanson Margaret.Hanson@iowa.gov Rachel Kruse Rachel.Kruse@iowa.gov
October 31	Operational Sharing Certification Due	Jay Pennington jay.pennington@iowa.gov
November 1	Last date for public notice of board intent to whole grade share (282.11). Must be not less than 90 days before signing the agreement.	Barb Byrd barb.byrd@iowa.gov
November 1	School Board Officers Report Due (291.11)	Marcia Krieger marcia.krieger@iowa.gov

View a complete Iowa Department of Education [calendar of events](#) or [List of Deadlines](#).

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