

**Central Rivers AEA
SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
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EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS

A reminder that exemptions and waivers for Chapter 12 and Iowa Learning Online (ILO) are available in Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) system. If you need assistance accessing the application please contact Meredith MacQuigg at meredith.macquigg@iowa.gov and she will be happy to help. If you have questions on the content or the need for an exemption, contact Cindy Butler at cindy.butler@iowa.gov.

Instructions for accessing the CASA system are found at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/documents/data-reporting/2016/11/instructions-casa-access>

The applications available to districts and nonpublic schools are:

The Education Standards Exemption Application (formerly Chapter 12 waiver) – This application is available to superintendents and nonpublic administrators only. Applications are required for exemption from education standards including physical education and foreign language. Content, instructions and access information are available on the Department's website at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/accreditation-program-approval/waivers-and-exemptions>

The Iowa Learning Online (ILO) waiver – This application is available to superintendents and nonpublic administrators only. Content, instructions and access information are available on the Department's website at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/accreditation-program-approval/waivers-and-exemptions>.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

January 23rd an email was sent to all superintendents and curriculum directors with announcements of upcoming webinars to provide information school staff will want to know about ESSA components. All sessions will be recorded and posted on the Department's ESSA web page at: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/every-student-succeeds-act>.

Date	Topic
February 23, 2018 10-11:30	Overview of Content and Process for ESSA School Improvement
March 7, 2018 9-10:30	ESSA Consolidated Application Overview
March 29, 2018 9-10:30	ESSA Consolidated Application Content
April 13, 2018 9-10:30	Data Review and Self-Assessment
April 20, 2018 9-10:30	Regional Professional Learning and On-Site Visits
May 3, 2018 9-10:30	Comprehensive and Targeted School Action Plans in CASA

IOWA LEARNING ONLINE (ILO)

[Iowa Learning Online](#) is excited to announce over 50 course offerings for Summer 2018. **ILO now offers French and Spanish levels 1 & 2 at an accelerated pace during the Summer 2018 term.** The Summer term is from May 23rd to August 3rd (early enrollment ends at 4pm June 1st). Enrollment is open now. For more information, view our article in the School Leader update or visit our website to review the [course offerings](#), [log in](#) or [sign up](#).

STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM

Advanced Learners:

Professional Learning on the Advanced Learner MTSS Guide will be coming up in April. Look for the announcements for the tentative dates:

April - 10 - Central Region
April 17 - Eastern Region
April 20 - Western Region

Districts are encouraged to bring teams to this opportunity comprised of general education elementary classroom teachers, a counselor, teacher leaders, a building administrator, the g/t coordinator, and g/t teachers.

Mathematics:

April Pforts, the DE mathematics consultant, wants you to ask, "Are your math standards rigorous in your district?" Educators can find out [here](#). Resources to implement the instructional shifts for the mathematics standards are found at <http://bit.ly/iacblogger>

Social Studies:

In order to support implementation of Iowa's new social studies standards, the Iowa Department of Education has launched revised social studies webpages with several resources to support implementation at <https://iowacore.gov/content/social-studies-resources>.

General: Also, please find a one-page [overview](#) of the networks and newsletters.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AND OTHER FEES

As districts plan for 2018-2019 Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) programming, remember that no fees may be charged for SWVPP registration. In addition, fees may not be charged for items which are part of the SWVPP instructional program. It is highly recommended to clearly communicate the details of any fees to families at the time of registration, including any programming offered for which there are allowable associated fees (e.g., non SWVPP preschool programming and/or child care). For more details, see the [SWVPP Frequently Asked Finance Questions](#). Questions may be directed to Tom Cooley (Tom.Cooley@iowa.gov) and Jennifer Adkins (Jennifer.Adkins@iowa.gov).

RESOURCES

[Each and Every Child Newsletter](#)
[Education Bill Tracking](#)
[School Leader Update](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Self-monitoring review completion due	Patti Harding patti.harding@iowa.gov
February 1	Last date for boards to sign a whole grade sharing agreement (28E contract) for the next school year. (Iowa Code 282.10)	Barb Byrd barb.byrd@iowa.gov

February 1	Last date to request authority to charge administrative costs to the special education program for the subsequent fiscal year (IAC 289--6.3(3)"j")	Bill Roederer bill.roederer@iowa.gov
February 9	On-line request for hearing at the March School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) meeting due.	Kassandra Cline kassandra.cline@iowa.gov
February 10	Exhibits for hearings at the March School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) meeting due.	Kassandra Cline kassandra.cline@iowa.gov
February 15	Last date to bill for first semester tuition. This includes open enrollment billing.	Carla Schimelfenig carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov
March 1	Open Enrollment Grades 1-12 Deadline (Iowa Code 282.18)	Eric Heitz eric.heitz@iowa.gov
March 13	March School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) meeting	Kassandra Cline kassandra.cline@iowa.gov
March 31	Last Date to Submit Local Education Agency (LEA) Electronic Annual Audit of prior year to DE and to SAO (11.6(6))	Marcia Krieger marcia.krieger@iowa.gov
March 31	Third Quarter Claims due for Secondary Perkins Grant	Pat Thieben pat.thieben@iowa.gov

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