

**Central Rivers AEA
SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
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SENIOR YEAR PLUS

The Department has received numerous questions and comments regarding the provision of textbooks for concurrent enrollment courses. If the school district is responsible for providing textbooks for a concurrent enrollment course, the expectation is that textbooks are provided to students enrolled in the concurrent enrollment course consistent with the district's established textbook policy and in the same manner as the district provides textbooks for all students of the district. Please refer to the guidance on page 31 of the [Senior Year Plus guide](#). Any questions or comments regarding this guidance may be addressed to [Eric St Clair](mailto:eric.stclair@iowa.gov) (eric.stclair@iowa.gov), Consultant in the Bureau of Career and Technical Education.

2018-2019 STATEWIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (SWVPP)

Per Iowa Administrative Code 16.9(5), districts can only accept SWVPP funding for classrooms in which there is an appropriately licensed and endorsed teacher available for the program by **October 1, 2018**. Teachers at all locations offering the SWVPP, including community partners, must be currently and appropriately licensed and possess one of the following:

- Teacher Endorsement #100 (Prekindergarten through grade three, including special education)
- Teacher Endorsement #103 (Prekindergarten through kindergarten)
- Teacher Endorsement #106 (Prekindergarten through grade three)
- Class B conditional license in one of the acceptable teaching endorsement areas listed above

Contact the [Iowa Board of Educational Examiners](#) for specific endorsement requirements and specific teacher information.

To verify this requirement is met, the Department will cross check the following data collections

- CASA - Consolidated Accountability and Support Application
 1. Superintendent's assurance that all preschool teachers are properly licensed and endorsed.
 2. Session information provided in the Preschool Desk Audit
- Fall BEDS Staff
 1. Data entered for preschool teachers – must pass data validations for appropriate license and endorsements

For more information on SWVPP requirements, go to the [Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program web page](#) or contact Jennifer Adkins at jennifer.adkins@iowa.gov or 515-954-5652.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (FMCSA) SPOT CHECKS

The Department has been notified that the FMCSA will be conducting spot checks to determine if schools are in compliance with drug and alcohol testing rules, similar to what was done a few years ago. FMCSA also granted permission to make schools aware of these checks.

The indicated intent is for the checks to occur during the March-April time frame. While it is unlikely every school and school-related entity in the state will be visited, this would be a good time to review local practices to ensure necessary requirements are being addressed. These would include, but may not be limited to, conducting various types of tests (e.g., pre-employment, random, post-accident, reasonable cause, and follow-up testing if applicable), required background checks, and having the DOT mandated policy in place.

Questions can be directed to [Max Christensen](#) or 515-281-4749.

ANTI-BULLYING EFFORTS

Investigations -The Department has developed a document designed to assist schools in meeting their obligation to respond to bullying allegations in a prompt, thorough, and effective manner. Districts and nonpublic schools can access the document to determine how their processes and procedures align with expectations.

[Bullying Checklist - District](#)

Investigation Training available at AEA Learning Online coming soon.

STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM

Don't forget the [one-pager](#) of our networks.

Fine Arts: The new standards and guidance documents are [posted](#) on the website.

Mathematics: Take this [quiz](#) to see about implementing the math standards.

Social Studies: The social studies [subject page](#) has been updated with many resources to support the new standards.

Advanced Learners:

Gifted Student Coding for Spring SRI

A brief analysis was conducted comparing the students counts for talented/gifted submitted through CASA to that submitted in Fall SRI. Results were mixed. We would encourage the talented/gifted coordinator to work with the Student Reporting in Iowa (SRI) data person to ensure the proper coding of talented/gifted students in the district's student information system (SIS) for the Spring SRI submission.

Advanced Learners in MTSS professional learning dates and registration

The Advanced Learner Multi-tiered System of Support Guide was created to assist classroom teachers, ensuring all students are appropriately challenged. The Advanced Learner MTSS Guide is written content neutral and can be used across disciplines for K-12 grade learners.

[April 10](#) Des Moines

[April 17](#) Coralville/Iowa City

[April 20](#) Sioux City

Any questions, please contact Erika Cook, Bureau of Standards and Curriculum at erika.cook@iowa.gov.

IOWA LEARNING ONLINE (ILO)

Planning to start your own online courses? Iowa Learning Online is here to help schools take the first step to offering their own online service with [ILO's Branch Out](#). ILO provides the infrastructure and high school courses, and the local school provides the teacher.

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](#).

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

A reminder to all superintendents and curriculum directors 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 To be posted soon.
March 7, 2018	ESSA Consolidated Application Overview

9-10:30	
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

RESOURCES

[Summary of Iowa Legislation](#)
[Each and Every Child Newsletter](#)
[School Leader Update](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
April 15	Board resolutions for the budget guarantee due to Department of Management (DOM)	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov
April 15	Copy of ballot question or resolution for new voter physical plant & equipment levy (VPPEL) (that is not 100% property tax) or ISL to DOM	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov
April 15	Electronic Budget Certification Date (24.17)	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov
April 15	Budget Filed with Control County Auditor (24.17)	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov

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