

**CENTRAL RIVERS AEA
SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
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STUDENT REPORTING IN IOWA (SRI)

Spring SRI is open for test so districts and nonpublics (those that report thru SRI) can start cleaning their data. The official data used for certification cannot be submitted until after the last day of classes this spring. This allows for accurate attendance to be reported. Certification deadline is June 20th.

A new Assessment Accountability (AA) application replaced the old Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) application. This application is found in the portal under EdInfo and will be available starting May 15th once a district has uploaded data into SRI. The AA application has a look and feel similar to AYP. Public districts will need to certify the new Assessment Accountability application by June 21st.

Zoom sessions will take place in late May and cover the topics of Spring SRI, Supplementary Weighting Non-Fall, and Assessment Accountability. Please check the *May School Leader Update* (SLU) for dates, times, and links.

An SRI New User Training Session will take place September 5th. This session is intended for people who are in their first or second year of SRI. Click [here](#) to register.

DESK AUDIT SUMMARY

The 17-18 desk audit review has been completed and each district and school should have received a notice of any noncompliance items. If you have not heard anything or have questions on the desk audit please contact Eric Heitz at (515)402-3769 or eric.heitz@iowa.gov.

Central Rivers AEA summary of noncompliance items:

- Not meeting offer and teach at the high school (Common reason: CTE area, offering a class over the course of two years, not able to find students to take a course.)
- CTE areas district offers not listed in the annual nondiscrimination notice

Missing protected class(s) in the nondiscrimination statement

BULLY AND HARRASSMENT DATA COLLECTION HAS MOVED

The bullying and harassment collection has been moved to Spring BEDS. The requirements and data elements remain unchanged and will be the same as they have been for the past two years. The Department is collecting data aggregated at the district level for all incidents found to be a violation of the law. Additional information about this collection and the required elements can be found [here](#).

Please contact Meredith MacQuigg at meredith.macquigg@iowa.gov with any questions you may have.

ESSA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WEBINARS

One more webinar is scheduled to inform district leadership of changes coming to Iowa School Improvement efforts based on ESSA. The [schedule](#) of webinars along with access to previously recorded webinars is available on the department's [Differentiated Accountability](#) web page.

SCHOOL BUS PRE-TRIP INSPECTIONS

As a heads up, the bus inspectors have passed along that the State Patrol may begin issuing tickets to school bus drivers who are not doing a correct and proper pre-trip inspection. This stems from inspections completed with Patrol help where they are finding pre-trip sheets that are already filled out - sometimes days in advance. Thus, the school bus drivers likely aren't completing the pre-trip inspection as required. This is not a DE issue as the decision to issue tickets rests solely with the State Patrol.

As a reminder, school bus drivers are required to perform a pre-trip inspection prior to and a post-trip inspection after every trip of a school bus, per 281 Iowa Administrative Code, chapter 43.

281—43.41(285) Trip inspections. A pretrip inspection of each school bus shall be performed and recorded prior to each trip. A written report shall be submitted promptly to the superintendent of schools, transportation supervisor, school bus mechanic, or other person charged with the responsibility for the school transportation program, if any defects or deficiencies are discovered that may affect the safety of the vehicle's operation or result in its mechanical breakdown. A posttrip inspection of the interior of the school bus shall be performed after each trip.

The twice-yearly inspections performed by the Department inspectors reveal that most vehicle deficiencies identified are related to items that should be found during these pre- and post-trip inspections. If you have questions about the proper way to perform these daily inspections, please contact your Department inspector or our office.

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STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM UPDATES

Advanced Learners in MTSS: The April professional learning opportunities on Advanced Learners in MTSS went very well. Thank you for sending teams.

Assessment: All schools in Iowa will be required to implement the new ELPA21 Dynamic Screening Assessment for new student placement decisions beginning August 1, 2018. An [informational webinar](#) will be held on May 1st from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. to provide an overview of the screener and the process for online administration. Please be sure at least one person from your district views either the live or recorded webinar, as all districts will be responsible for implementing the new procedures.

Computer Science Standards: Voluntary computer science standards will go to the State Board in June. If the legislature appropriates funding, the Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund applications will be released on a quick timeline.

Future Ready Learning: Space is going quickly. If there are educators interested in [Future Ready Learning](#), please have them [register](#).

Mathematics: Find resources that are best practice and supported by research: [instructional time](#) (page 422), [enacted standards and curriculum](#), [instructional practice](#), and [instructional materials](#).

Social Studies Best Practice Institute: With the implementation of new social studies standards, there will be a two-day [event](#) to support educators with research and evidence-based practices.

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

EDUCATIONAL LEADERS TO SUPPORT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Now more than ever it is important for all educational leaders to understand how to support the needs of English Learners to ensure their academic success in our schools. Dr. David Cassel Johnson, Associate Professor of Foreign Language and ESL Education at the University of Iowa indicates that the need for preparing educators across the state is great. According to Johnson, "As the numbers of ELLs grow, educators increasingly realize they need to accommodate them but are not necessarily equipped to do so. This is true all over the country, really, but especially in places (like Iowa) where the numbers of ELLs have increased so dramatically and recently. This raises a big question about equity and I think districts are aware of that."

He further reminds us of the growing numbers of English learners to support noting that in 2017, the English learner student population had increased 292% over the previous 20 years while the native English speaking population had decreased. This certainly bolsters the idea that ALL educators need to have skills to support English learners and their success in Iowa schools.

Please join us on June 12 and 13th for the inspiring and enlightening 14th Annual Our Kids Conference: *Speaking for All Learners*. Learn how to support and guide teachers of English learners from a national expert in the field. Dr. Ayana Cooper will be one of the highlighted keynote speakers and will also offer breakout sessions geared toward instructional

leaders. For more information see [Our Kids Registration and Website](#) Registration for the 2-day conference is \$150 and includes continental breakfast and a nice lunch on both days. Note: there are 2 full days of learning and inspiration with strands for content and general education teachers as well as preschool teachers who work with English learners. For questions: pam.mcdonnell@iowa.gov

MEETING STANDARDS

Iowa Core Standards, offer and teach requirements, teacher licensure – how do all these work together to support student learning in high schools? Principals and superintendents are currently making important decisions around these elements. Consider the following:

- All Iowa Core Standards are intended for all students. Districts need to consider how this expectation might impact course scope and sequence.
- Course content standards, course descriptions, accreditation area, SCED Code, and teacher licensure must all align.
- Schools determine the courses to be offered to meet the standards and other requirements.

The department's content area consultants are available to assist districts as they make decisions around these elements.

- Mathematics consultant, April Pforts (april.pforts@iowa.gov) [Mathematics website](#)
- Science consultant, Kris Killibarda (kris.kilibarda@iowa.gov) [Science website](#)
- Social studies consultant, Stefanie Wager (stefanie.wager@iowa.gov) [Social Studies website](#)
- English-language arts consultant, Destiny Eldridge (destiny.eldridge@iowa.gov) [English-language arts website](#)

IOWA LEARNING ONLINE

Registration is open now for the Fall 2018 term with Iowa Learning Online. View our website to see our [course offerings](#) or [sign up](#). Enrollment is still open for the [Summer 2018 term](#) which starts May 23rd.

Fall 2018 Cohort A: August 23 - December 19

Fall 2018 Cohort B: September 6 - January 11

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](#).

RESOURCES

[Each and Every Child](#)
[School Leader Update](#)
[Legislative Information](#)
[Special Education Guidance](#)

TIMELINES

May 1	Spring Basic Educational Data Survey (BEDS) Opens	Shelly Neese shelly.neese@iowa
May 1	Copy of ballot question for new Voter Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (VPPEL) that is 100% property tax to Department of Management (DOM)	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov
May 1	Bond resolution filed with control county auditor (76.2)	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov
May 1	Second semester parental claim forms for nonpublic transportation reimbursement due from parents to district (Iowa Code 285.2)	Max Christensen max.christensen@iowa.gov
May 11	Spring VRF/SRI test sites close	Margaret Hanson margaret.hanson@iowa.gov Rachel Kruse rachel.kruse@iowa.gov

May 14	Spring Basic Educational Data Survey (BEDS) opens	Shelly Neese shelly.neese@iowa
May 15	Spring VRF/SRI Assessment Accountability production sites open	Margaret Hanson margaret.hanson@iowa.gov Rachel Kruse rachel.kruse@iowa.gov
May 15	Area Education Agency (AEA) Budget Proposal-Resubmit Unapproved Budget	Denise Ragias denise.ragias@iowa.gov
May 31	Last Date to Amend current year's Certified Budget (24.9)	John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov
May 31	School Information Update Application due for nonpublic schools	Margaret Hanson margaret.hanson@iowa.gov
June 15	On-line Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement Claim Due (Iowa Code 285.2)	Max Christensen max.christensen@iowa.gov
June 15	Student Information, Program Updates and Program of Study information due on Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Reporting Application (IAC 281.12.5)	Pat Thieben pat.thieben@iowa.gov
June 15	School Information Update Application due for public schools	Margaret Hanson margaret.hanson@iowa.gov
June 16	National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Health inspection data must be entered online via IowaCNP	Deb Linderblood deb.linderblood@iowa.gov
June 20	Spring Student Reporting in Iowa (SRI) certification deadline	Margaret Hanson margaret.hanson@iowa.gov Rachel Kruse rachel.kruse@iowa.gov
June 21	Assessment Accountability (Previously known as Adequate Yearly Progress, AYP) deadline	Tom Deeter tom.deeter@iowa.gov Xiaoping Wang xiaoping.wang@iowa.gov
June 22	Spring Basic Educational Data Survey (BEDS) due	Shelly Neese shelly.neese@iowa.gov
June 30	Last day to pay PSEO tuition due to eligible postsecondary institutions	FFOTS
June 30	Last day to submit Fourth Quarter Claims for Secondary Perkins Grants, CSTO Grants and Corrections Grants	Pat Thieben pat.thieben@iowa.gov

Additional information at [Deadlines](#) or [Calendar](#).

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