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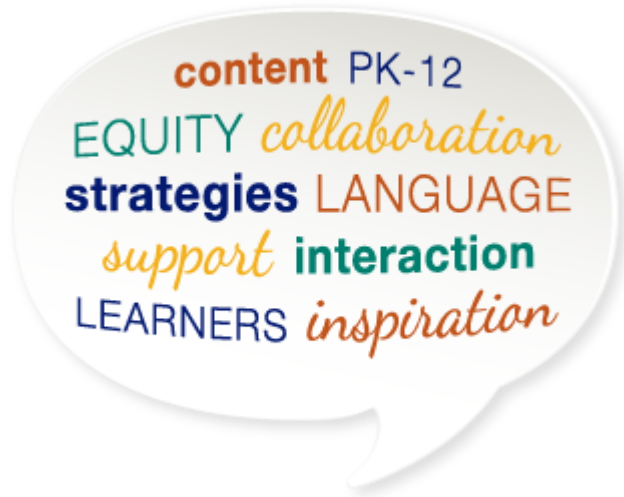
Visiting Teachers from Spain



The Iowa Visiting Teachers from Spain Program enables foreign teachers to have the opportunity to teach in an accredited primary or secondary school in the United States under a J1 Visa for up to three years, with a possible two year extension. This provides school districts and nonpublic schools with the opportunity to fill vacant Spanish and dual language teaching positions.

The visiting teachers from Spain are certified Spanish language educators with at least three years of experience. Local school districts hire the visiting teachers in accordance with all other local policies in terms of salary scale, licensure, and local system requirements.

The Iowa Department of Education is taking applications for 2019-20. If you are interested in hiring a teacher from Spain, click on [Visiting Teachers from Spain](#) to find the application and other information about the program. For more information, contact Isbelia Arzola at (515) 326-5962 or isbelia.arzola@iowa.gov, or Mary Smith-Johnson at (515) 242-6014 or mary.smith@iowa.gov.



How are your English learners performing? Are you confident that they are meeting both academic and linguistic goals as required by state and federal laws?

Please join us this summer for the 15th Annual Our Kids Summer Institute which will improve your understanding of the unique needs of English Learners in the mainstream classrooms. All administrators and instructional coaches should attend!

SAVE THE DATE

**For the 15th Annual *Our Kids Summer Institute*
ATTENTION ADMINISTRATORS**

June 18 and 19, 2019
DMACC FFA Enrichment Center
DMACC Campus
Ankeny, IA

- Did you know this is a growing problem in Iowa?
- Key **strategies** for supporting core content learning (Did you know that ELs must be part of all Tier 1 core instruction?)
- Did you know that EL specific Family Engagement is required in serving English learners
- Did you know that all of us have a responsibility in educating English learner students? We cannot do it with “regular educators”
- Did you know there are very specific laws that must be adhered to in serving ELs? Is your district in compliance with these?

To answer all of these questions and more, we will have 4 national author/speakers and numerous Iowa presenters.

Please plan to bring a team!
Registration Information will be communicated soon.
We hope to see you there!!

Questions? pam.mcdonnell@iowa.gov



Update from Leading, Teaching, Learning Services

Mathematics: Research demonstrates that instructional materials have a direct impact on student learning outcomes. [A study from the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard](#) estimated that in fourth and fifth grade math, switching to a top ranked textbook would translate to student achievement gains of 3.6 percentile points—larger than the improvement of a typical teacher’s effectiveness in their first three years on the job when they are learning to teach. Ed Reports is a national organization committed to helping organizations understand alignment of reviewed materials. They answer [why](#) aligned materials matter, [how](#) they relate to equity, and provide [comparisons](#). Illustrative Mathematics is the highest rated resource on Ed Reports for mathematics. It is an open educational resource now releasing the high school series: [Algebra 1](#), [Geometry](#), and [Algebra 2](#). Plus, if you have been looking for an aligned high school resource that offers extra supports struggling learners, it has finally arrived. Be sure to check out [this blog](#) to learn more about it. Contact april.pforts@iowa.gov for questions.

Reminder: Desk Audits

School Improvement Consultants and Early Childhood Consultants will complete their review of Desk Audits by Friday, March 15, 2019. The deadline for responding to citations is Monday, April 15, 2019. If you have questions or concerns regarding your Desk Audit, please contact your school improvement consultant.

REMINDER: SNOW DAYS



[Snow Days Guidance](#)

RESOURCES

[ESSA](#)

[Conditions for Learning Guidance](#)

[Iowa History Month - March](#)

[Legal Lessons](#)

Legislative Update



March Dates to Remember

Date	Topic	Contact
March 6, 2019 - 8:30 to 12:00	<p>Emergency Operations Planning Regional Tabletop Exercise Training-Storm Lake</p> <p>The tabletop exercise trainings will be using a train the trainer model for school districts to use in their districts and individual school buildings to review your EOP. There are 5 locations for the Emergency Operations Planning Tabletop Exercise Trainings. Additional information will be emailed out to participants once you are registered for the training. Trainings are scheduled from 8:30 - 12:00. Limited to 100 participants. Cost is free.</p>	<p>Rob Olsen 515-281-4743 rob.olsen@iowa.gov</p>
March 8, 2019 - 10:00 - 3:30	<p>Dyslexia Task Force Meeting IDOE - Room B100</p>	<p>David Tilly 515-281-3333 david.tilly@iowa.gov</p>
March 8, 2019 10:00-2:30	<p>Iowa Council for Early ACCESS Meeting and ICEA Executive Council IDOE - B50</p>	
March 12, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.	<p>School Budget Review Committee Hearing</p>	<p>Kassandra Cline 515-281-4738 kassandra.cline@iowa.gov</p>
March 19, 2019 - 8:30-12:00	<p>Emergency Operations Planning Regional Tabletop Exercise Training-Cedar Falls</p> <p>The tabletop exercise trainings will be using a train the trainer model for school districts to use in their districts and individual school buildings to review your EOP. There are 5 locations for the Emergency Operations Planning Tabletop Exercise Trainings. Additional information will be emailed out to participants once you are registered for the training. Trainings are scheduled from 8:30 - 12:00. Limited to 100 participants. Cost is free</p>	<p>Rob Olsen 515-281-4743 rob.olsen@iowa.gov</p>

<p>March 21, 2019 - 8:30 - 12:00</p>	<p>Emergency Operations Planning Regional Tabletop Exercise Training-Atlantic</p> <p>The tabletop exercise trainings will be using a train the trainer model for school districts to use in their districts and individual school buildings to review your EOP. There are 5 locations for the Emergency Operations Planning Tabletop Exercise Trainings. Additional information will be emailed out to participants once you are registered for the training. Trainings are scheduled from 8:30 - 12:00. Limited to 100 participants. Cost is free</p>	<p>Rob Olsen 515-281-4743 rob.olsen@iowa.gov</p>
<p>March 25, 2019 - 2:00-3:00</p>	<p>Preschool/CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements</p> <p>As of October 1, 2017, the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act requires schools that serve meals to child care centers, pre-kindergarten, or preschool students to follow the Preschool/CACFP meal pattern. While the CACFP meal pattern has some similarities to the National School Lunch Program meal pattern, it has more appropriate serving sizes for younger aged students and limits the amount of sugar that can be provided through foods such as yogurt, cereal, milk, and grain based desserts.</p> <p>During this webinar, we will discuss the requirements and creditable foods within each meal pattern component for breakfast and lunch within the Preschool/CACFP meal pattern. We will also discuss exceptions for following the CACFP meal pattern if your younger students are co-mingled with K-12 grade students. Compliance with the CACFP meal pattern is assessed during the triennial School Nutrition Administrative Review.</p> <p>This webinar is part of the News to Know in School Nutrition webinar series presented the 4th Monday of each month by Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services staff.</p>	<p>Christine Crow 515-330-8158 christine.crow@iowa.gov</p>
<p>March 27, 2019 - 8:00-5:00</p>	<p>Iowa FBLA - PBL Conference</p> <p>The 2019 Iowa Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda conference will be held March 27-30, 2019 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville, Iowa. Registration is required. FBLA members and advisors can register at www.iowafbla.org. PBL members and advisors can register at www.iowapbl.org.</p>	<p>Kent Seuferer 515-631-9207 kent.seuferer@iowa.gov</p>
<p>March 27, 2019 3:30-5:00</p>	<p>Community College Council IDOE ICN Room, 2nd Floor</p>	<p>Stephanie Weeks 515-281-8260 stephanie.weeks@iowa.gov</p>
<p>March 28, 2019 - 8:00-5:00</p>	<p>State Board Meeting View agendas and minutes of the Iowa State Board of Education</p>	<p>Jody Crane 515-281-5296 jody.crane@iowa.gov</p>
<p>March 28, 2019- 9:00-3:00</p>	<p>School Wellness Conference Lutheran Church of Hope 925 Jordan Creek Parkway West Des Moines, IA 50266 School Wellness Agenda</p>	<p>Carrie Scheidel 515-281-4758 carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov</p>

March 31, 2019	Last date to submit LEA and AEA electronic annual audit of prior year to DE and Auditor of State's Office	Marcia Krieger 515-281-5293 marcia.krieger@iowa.gov
March 31, 2019 - April 2, 2019 8:00-5:00	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference Airport Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive Des Moines, IA	Lisa Stange 515-242-5032 lisa.stange@iowa.gov



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