



**Central Rivers AEA**  
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**Superintendent Notes**

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION**  
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

**A Call for Proposals:** The Iowa Department of Education (Department) is looking for experts to help launch a new professional development series focusing on social justice and equity in education issues. The Department will host a series of bi-monthly\* webinars that focus exclusively on social inequities and the impact on the educational experience for students. These sessions will be delivered by local and national leaders with a proven background in diversity, multiculturalism, and racial consciousness.

The purpose of the webinar series is to provide participants with ideas that can be implemented during classroom instruction and will consist of a self-study component, various resources to access and design ideas to use. Resources will reflect current research that is viewed through an equity lens with a focus on systemic societal barriers to student success.

The following objectives outline expectations for the webinar series:

- Develop professional learning communities based on proven strategies to eliminate achievement gaps and disproportionality in special education.
- Examine and discuss root causes and racial and ethnic disparities in education, school discipline, and juvenile justice systems.
- Identify and support research-based initiatives on culturally responsive and inclusive pedagogy representing all learner backgrounds.
- Implement an equity audit process to assess the degree of equity or inequity present in schools and colleges. Increase the capacity of educators to identify and address completion and persistence rates for underrepresented students in graduation and workforce goals.
- Increase the knowledge and skills of stakeholders in equity and civil rights mandates.
- Provide ongoing training to ensure that all staff are knowledgeable on required compliance surrounding federal and state civil rights laws.

The link to the call for proposals can be found [here](#).

## Universal K12 and Preschool Desk Audits 2020-2021

The Universal K-12 and Preschool Desk Audits will open on September 15th and close on December 15th. No new items were added to the 2020-2021 K-12 or Preschool Desk Audits. The Department ported forward the 2019-2020 Desk Audit information to the 2020-2021 Desk Audit. To find out what you need to do, log into CASA and select Desk Audit. If the Desk Audit states “State Reviewed-Action Required” please open the desk audit, open the tabs and add additional information to the red highlighted section. If the Desk Audit states “State Reviewed-Complete, Submission Final” no further action is needed.

## September Notices and Deadlines for Public and Nonpublic Schools

Date	Topic/Subject Matter	State/Federal Law	Contact
Even Years: 2nd Tuesday in September	Last date for an election to reorganize effective July 1.	Iowa Code 39.2(4)"c" and amended by HF692	Carla Schimelfenig <a href="mailto:carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov">carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 1	New Regional Academy Application due.	281 IAC 97.4(1)"h"	Carla Schimelfenig <a href="mailto:carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov">carla.schimelfenig@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 1	Kindergarten and preschool students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) open enrollment deadline.	Iowa Code 282.18(1)(a)	Sara Nickel <a href="mailto:sara.nickel@iowa.gov">sara.nickel@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 11	Hearing request and exhibits due for the October School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Hearing.	281-IAC 6.3(3)	Kassandra Cline <a href="mailto:kassandra.cline@iowa.gov">kassandra.cline@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Assurances	Iowa Code 256.7	<a href="#">School Improvement Consultant</a>

Sept. 15	First part of Universal Preschool Desk Audit (Session ID Information)	IAC 281-16.3; 256.11(10)(a)(1); 256C.3(3)b; 281-41/17(256B, 34CFR300)	Jennifer Adkins <a href="mailto:jennifer.adkins@iowa.gov">jennifer.adkins@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Gifted and Talented Cover Sheet and District Plan.	281-IAC 12.5(12)	Rosanne Malek <a href="mailto:rosanne.malek@iowa.gov">rosanne.malek@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Special Education Supplement (SES).	Iowa Code 291.10, IAC 281-99.2(1)	Bill Roederer <a href="mailto:bill.roederer@iowa.gov">bill.roederer@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Certified Annual Financial Report (CAR).	Iowa Code 291.10, IAC 281-99.2(1)	Denise Ragias <a href="mailto:denise.ragias@iowa.gov">denise.ragias@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	If CAR, SES, or ATR is not filed today or by the deadline of an approved extension, the district will be required to submit a corrective action plan to the SBRC.	IAC 289-6.3(3)(d)	Kassandra Cline <a href="mailto:kassandra.cline@iowa.gov">kassandra.cline@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15 by 3 p.m. (or next workday if 15th is on a weekend/holiday)	National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal claims must be entered.		Patti Harding <a href="mailto:patti.harding@iowa.gov">patti.harding@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Date by which a student must be at least 5 years old to be counted for certified enrollment if enrolled on Oct. 1.	Iowa Code 282.3	Margaret Hanson <a href="mailto:margaret.hanson@iowa.gov">margaret.hanson@iowa.gov</a>  Rachel Kruse <a href="mailto:rachel.kruse@iowa.gov">rachel.kruse@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Mentoring and Induction.	Iowa Code 284.5	Larry Bice <a href="mailto:larry.bice@iowa.gov">larry.bice@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 15	Annual Transportation Report (ATR) due.	Iowa Code 285.1, IAC 281-99.2(1)	Max Christensen

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Sept. 15	Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP).	Iowa Code 256.7	<a href="#">School Improvement Consultant</a>
Sept. 16	National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Annual financial Report for nonpublic and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) are due.		Patti Harding <a href="mailto:patti.harding@iowa.gov">patti.harding@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 30	Parent Notification of Open Enrollment.	281-IAC 17.3	Sara Nickel <a href="mailto:sara.nickel@iowa.gov">sara.nickel@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 30	Facilities, Bond, Physical Plant and Equipment Levey (PPEL), Elections and Sales Tax Data Collection due.	Iowa Code 256.9(19), IAC 281-99.2(1)	Rob Olsen <a href="mailto:rob.olsen@iowa.gov">rob.olsen@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 30	First Quarter Claims due for Secondary Perkins Grants.		Amy Vybiral <a href="mailto:amy.vybiral@iowa.gov">amy.vybiral@iowa.gov</a>
Sept. 30	Local Perkins Final-Applications Due.	Perkins V, Sec. 134. [20 U.S.C. 2354]	Jeffrey Fletcher <a href="mailto:jeffrey.fletcher@iowa.gov">jeffrey.fletcher@iowa.gov</a>

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