



News For You

Keeping ROE #40 districts and staff informed

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Student Opportunities

U.S. high school students can apply now for a full merit-based scholarship to study abroad during the 2018-19 school year sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Please note that each program has a separate online application process and application deadlines vary from Nov. 2 to Dec. 11. [View the study abroad programs and apply.](#)

Attn: Principals

ROE #40 Principals Meeting Carlenville ROE Office 8:30 a.m., November 7

Break-away: The Trauma-Informed Organizational Toolkit, a product from AIR's National Center on Family Homelessness, gives programs a roadmap for becoming trauma-informed. The toolkit offers concrete guidelines so that organizations can assess if they are responding appropriately to the needs of families who have experienced traumatic stress.

[Register Here!](#)

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Illinois Classroom Connectivity Initiative

Throughout the school year the Illinois Classroom Connectivity Initiative will once again support school districts in upgrading their internet access for digital learning.

The initiative is a coordinated effort between ISBE, Learning Technology Centers of Illinois, and the national nonprofit EducationSuperHighway. The Initiative has seen tremendous success all across the state in the past year. EducationSuperHighway worked with more than 50 school districts to help them find affordable options to upgrade their infrastructure and increase their bandwidth, resulting in access to high-speed fiber connections for 87,461 students. We are looking forward to reporting on continued progress this year in connecting our K-12 classrooms to high-speed broadband.

All the support and tools offered to school districts through the Illinois Classroom Connectivity Initiative are free of charge, so we encourage you to schedule a call with Education Super Highway's network experts to discuss your upgrade plans. You may be hearing from their team about scheduling a call, or you can get started now by visiting [www.Education Superhighway](http://www.EducationSuperhighway) or signing up for their [free E-rate webinars](#).

For additional information or questions about the Classroom Connectivity Initiative, please contact Christine Bediones at christine@educationsuperhighway.org.

Sharing on behalf of the Division of Assessment and Accountability:

Now that the **Illinois SAT Performance Levels** have been approved by the State Board of Education at its October Board meeting, we wanted to share additional information on the performance levels, how they were established, and what they mean for districts, schools, and students.

We are providing materials that we believe will assist you in effectively communicating these performance levels and their meaning to teachers, students and the community. Please see the below links for the new materials that have been posted on the Assessment SAT webpage.

- Statewide SAT Performance Level recorded webinar, including Performance Level-setting panelist information: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/SAT.aspx> under News and Updates
- Statewide SAT Performance Levels FAQ for School and District Administrators: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Statewide-SAT-Performance-Levels-Admin-FAQ.pdf>
- Statewide SAT Performance Levels FAQ for Families (spanish translation forthcoming): <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Statewide-SAT-Performance-Levels-Family-FAQ.pdf>

If you have any questions, please email assessment@isbe.net.

Thank you,

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ISBE Director of Assessment and Accountability



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Professional Development

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IMPORTANT

If you have already registered for one of these events, some start times have been changed to 9:00. Click the link to verify correct start time.

- [11/01/17 From Paper to Practice Implementing the New Illinois Social Studies Standards](#)
- [11/01/17 Thermometers to Thermostats: Designing Informed Action through Service Learning ROE 40](#)
- [11/08/17 ACES: Trauma in Schools Pt.1, Jerseyville](#)
- [11/09/17 News Literacy: Providing a Pathway for Student Consumption, Engagement, & Production of Information, Carlinville](#)
- [11/10/17 ACES: Trauma Pt.1, Jerseyville](#)
- [11/21/17 School Support Staff Workshop, Carlinville](#)
- [11/28/17 Mentoring: Instructional Strategies, Jerseyville](#)
- [12/01/17 ACES: Trauma Pt. 1, Jerseyville](#)
- [12/08/17 Community Action Poverty Simulation, Greenfield](#)
- [12/08/17 Drug Awareness in the Educational Setting, Carrollton](#)
- [12/13/17 Echos & Reflections: "Night" by Eli Wiesel, Carlinville](#)
- [01/03/18 Trauma Informed Community, Gillespie](#)

These just added . . .

Trauma Informed Community
Register Now

- Nov 9 [Bunker Hill, 1 - 3:30](#)
- Jan 3 [Gillespie Elementary, 9 - 11:30](#)
[Gillespie MS/HS, 1 - 3:30](#)
- Jan 26 [Carlinville, 1 - 3:30](#)
- Feb 16 [Staunton, 1 - 3:30](#)
- Mar 2 [Mt. Olive, 1 - 3:30](#)

This 2-hour module teaches participants to be trauma-aware. It gives them tools to recognize trauma in clients and caregivers, and provides an overview of how to evaluate an organization's capabilities to become trauma-informed. The intended audience is anyone who interacts with the public, particularly those who may encounter vulnerable or traumatized populations.

Upon completion of training, participants will be able to:

- Define "emotional trauma" and "resilience"
- Explain how emotional trauma affects brain function and health (children and adults)
- Identify signs of emotional trauma in individuals
- Explain the difference between a trauma-informed and non-trauma informed approach
- Apply trauma-informed principles to an organization/system of care

Details and registration at the blue link above or visit www.roe40.com/professional-development.html



Mark Your Calendar

Nov 1-2 Initial Bus Driver Training—Call Jersey ROE to register
Nov 7 Principals Meeting, Carlinville ROE— REGISTER NOW
Nov 10 Veteran’s Day—ROE #40 Offices will be closed
Nov 21 School Support Staff Workshop, Carlinville ROE
Nov 22-24 ROE Offices closed
Dec 12 Principals Meeting, Jerseyville ROE
Dec 14 Superintendents Meeting, Jerseyville ROE
Dec 21-Jan 2 ROE Offices closed



Upcoming KIDS Events

- Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 9am – 2pm in Loves Park (ROE 4) – [Click here to register](#)
- Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 9am – 2pm in Springfield (ROE 51) – [Click here to register](#)
- Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 3 – 5pm, a virtual workshop – [Click here to register](#)

The goal of these workshops is to help teachers use KIDS results to set their own educational goals and action steps. In the workshops, teachers will have the opportunity to analyze their own KIDS data in collaboration with their colleagues and with guidance from the workshop facilitators. They will be able to set concrete goals and action steps based on their own classroom data.

These workshops are free and open to any educator who would like to participate. While the content is intended primarily for teachers, school and district administrators who are supporting kindergarten teachers and would like to better understand uses of KIDS data are also welcome to attend.



Licensure Updates

Short-Term Approval for Teachers at All Grade Levels (formerly known as the Short-Term Authorization Approval)

Educators may now either pass the content test required for the endorsement, or present evidence of completing 9 semester hours of coursework in the content area sought, to earn a short-term approval.

Earning the approval is no longer contingent on pending employment in a district: the approval will instead widen the pool of applicants from which a district may choose for open positions. The approval is now available outside of the educator’s current teaching grade range. (For example, an educator endorsed in early childhood education may obtain a 9-12 endorsement by passing the applicable content test.)

The approval is not available for special education positions or driver’s education positions.

Important Notice of Grade Range Change

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) would like to inform Illinois Educator Stakeholders of the change in policy regarding grade ranges for the following endorsements:

- ◆ Foreign Languages
- ◆ Library Information Specialist
- ◆ Technology Specialist
- ◆ Reading Teacher
- ◆ English as Second Language
- ◆ Bilingual Education
- ◆ Gifted Education Teacher

Effective July 7, 2017, the endorsements listed above will be issued/entitled for the K-12 range instead of separate and exclusive grade ranges, no matter the grade range an educator holds. Educators must meet all requirements for the above endorsement prior to the receiving licensure. This policy change is necessary insofar as many students are unable to access opportunities due to a shortage of appropriately endorsed teachers. Changing the grade range of these endorsements supports ISBE’s efforts to ensure equity of opportunities for each and every child in Illinois, as schooling is a primary way in which young people are introduced to content areas in which they may not otherwise be aware.

Educators who already hold a grade band specific endorsement in the above areas may apply for the K-12 grade range; ISBE will not issue the above endorsements retroactively.



IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE STATE

FY 2018 Early Childhood Prevention Initiative RFP Released

The [FY2018 Early Childhood - Prevention Initiative Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) has been released. The due date for submittal is 4 p.m. on Nov. 29. The application must be completed in eGMS. Eligible applicants must submit the [FY 2018 Notice of Intent to Submit Proposal](#) – Prevention Initiative-Birth to 3 Years to access the RFP system in IWAS in order to apply.

The intent to apply deadline is Oct. 31. The following entities serving children and families outside the City of Chicago may apply: Regional Offices of Education, public school districts, university laboratory schools approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, charter schools, area vocational centers, and public or private not-for-profit or for-profit entities with experience in providing education, health, social, and/or child development services to young children and their families. A separate appropriation has been awarded to City of Chicago District #299. Questions may be directed to the Early Childhood Division at (217) 524-4835 or earlychi@isbe.net.

Registration Underway for 2017 Illinois School Health Days

The 2017 Illinois School Health Days start next month. The training is jointly provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Public Health Association.

The target audience for the training is nurses working in schools, Illinois Professional Educator Licensed school nurses, and school health personnel. Dates and locations scheduled include:

- ◆ Nov. 7 in Springfield
- ◆ Nov. 14 in Arlington Heights
- ◆ Nov. 15 in Lisle
- ◆ Nov. 28 in Collinsville
- ◆ Dec. 5 in Rockford

[Visit the IPHA website for more information and to register.](#)

2017-18 Immunization/Health Examination and Eye Examination Data Collection

Immunization/Health Examination Data

The Student Health Immunization System is open for data entry through Nov. 15. The data must be submitted online using IWAS. Once logged into IWAS, the “Student Health Data – Immunization” link will appear on the System Listing page under “Annual.”

Below are important links to reference when submitting your data:

- ◆ [Student Health Data – Immunization System – IWAS User Guide for Electronic Submission](#)
- ◆ Immunization Data Entry Worksheet
- ◆ How to Calculate Actual Unduplicated Count of Students
- ◆ [Immunizations and Compliance with State Law – Guidance](#)

As mandated by Section 5/27-8.1 of the School Code, immunization/health examination data must be submitted for all Illinois schools in grades PreK-12 by 11:59 p.m. Nov. 15.

A report must be submitted for every eligible school, without exception. Schools that are not the home school for any student should submit the report by selecting the option that declares they have no data to report. All eligible schools should receive IWAS inbox messages regarding the Student Health Data -Immunization Data Collection. Please check your IWAS inbox for reminders and updates.

Eye Examination Data

The Student Health Vision System is open for data entry through July 2, 2018. The data must be submitted online in this timeframe using IWAS. Once logged into IWAS, the “Student Health Data – Immunization” link will appear on the System Listing page under “Annual.”

Below are links to important related documents. Please use them for assistance with submitting your data.

- ◆ [Student Health Data – Vision System – IWAS User Guide for Electronic Submission](#)
- ◆ Eye Examination Data Entry Worksheet
- ◆ School Eye Examinations – Information Sheet

As mandated by Section 5/27-8.1 of the School Code, vision data must be submitted for all eligible schools serving kindergarten and any students enrolled for the first time in an Illinois school as of Oct. 16, 2017, by 11:59 p.m. July 2, 2018.

A report must be submitted for every eligible school, without exception. Schools that are not the home school for any student should submit the report by selecting the option that declares they have no data to report. This option may also be selected by home schools that do not serve kindergarten students and had no students in grades 1-12 enrolling for the first time in an Illinois school. All eligible schools should receive IWAS inbox messages regarding Student Health Data - Vision Data Collection. Please check your IWAS inbox for reminders and updates.

Questions

Questions regarding school health issues should be referred to Jessica Gerdes at (312) 814-5560 or jgerdes@isbe.net or Rebecca Doran at (217) 782-2491 or RDoran@isbe.net. Questions regarding the information entered for immunization/health examination and eye examination data collection should be referred to Data Analysis at (217) 782-3950 or mribeiro@isbe.net. For technical assistance with IWAS, please contact the ISBE Help Desk at (217) 558-3600.

Public Act 99-0720 – Driver Education Instruction – Law Enforcement Traffic Stops

Please be advised per Public Act 99-0720 that beginning with the 2017-18 school year all public and nonpublic schools that offer driver education must include instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops, including a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and appropriate interactions with law enforcement as part of the required 30 classroom hours of instruction. Questions may be directed to Jennifer Jonas at jjonas@isbe.net or (217) 782-5256.