

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES.....MARCH 16, 2023

ALTERNATE DIPLOMA WORK GROUP

All high school applied skills teachers and any others who wish to participate -

The first meeting of this group will be held on Thursday, April 6th from 9-11 AM. We will review the alternate diploma requirements, alternate achievement standards, and begin to work toward the development of an agreed upon curriculum framework for the applied skills classes necessary for students to earn the alternate diploma.

Alternate Diploma Workgroup

Thursday, April 6 · 9:00 – 11:00am

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fon-rahw-voe>

Or dial: (US) +1 669-221-4392 PIN: 478 759 337#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/fon-rahw-voe?pin=3374932749883>

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: IREAD-3 GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS

If you are an elementary special education teacher or administrator serving students in grade 3, please review this document: [Process and Considerations for Issuing A Good Cause Exemption](#)

It is not required, but it is highly recommended that schools allow students with IEPs the same opportunities for remediation and retake of the test as their general education peers.

The retake testing window is from May 22- June 30. If the student does not pass the I-READ 3 test during the summer retest opportunity, a case conference will need to be held during the summer or at the start of the next school year to discuss whether or not the student qualifies for a Good Cause Exemption. **A Good Cause Exemption may only be granted after a case conference is held.**

Schools must now report all students who were granted a GCE from the IREAD-3 Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 administrations using the [Good Cause Exemption \(GCE\) Intervention Plan](#) form by March 6, 2023. IREAD-3 Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 GCEs should be submitted by September 1, 2023. Please talk with your administrator to find out who is filling out these forms for your school.

Grade two students who do not receive a passing score on the I-READ 3 test must retest in grade three and are not eligible to receive a GCE until after the grade three administration.

ASSET: APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 23-24

Add a mild and/or intense intervention license FOR FREE! Yes, FREE! We have several folks participating in this program this year. They attended a week long "boot camp" in the summer, then attend one virtual training day per month throughout the school year. There are tasks assigned each month that accumulate to the development of a portfolio at the end of the one year program. Once the year is over, they are eligible to take the PRAXIS exam for licensure. Let me know if you would like to talk with one of these folks more about their experience!

More info: ASSET is an approved alternative licensure Transition to Teaching program through IDOE and the Indiana State Board of Education. ASSET is offered through the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) for currently-licensed Indiana educators to add a special education teaching credential. Successful completion of the ASSET program coupled with passing the appropriate licensing exams enables educators to add either the Mild or/and Intense Interventions endorsement to their existing license. Access the ASSET program application [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) or [ICASE](#) with any questions.

SECONDARY TEACHERS: AGE OF MAJORITY INFO

At a case conference committee (CCC) meeting not later than one year before a student becomes 18 years of age, the public agency must inform the parent and student that the parent's rights under Article 7 will transfer to the student when the student reaches age 18, unless a guardian has been appointed under IC 29-3 or an educational representative has been appointed pursuant to the procedures in 511 IAC 7-43-6. After the rights transfer to the student, the public agency must provide any notice required under Article 7 to both the parent and the student.

A student may request in writing that an educational representative be appointed. The student's parent must be appointed as the educational representative unless the parent is not available. If the parent is not available, the public agency must appoint an educational surrogate parent to serve as the educational representative.

If the student does not have a guardian or an educational representative and the public agency does not believe the student is capable of providing informed consent, an educational representative may be appointed if two appropriately licensed individuals (at least one of whom may not be an employee of the public agency) provide written certification, based on personal examination or interview, regarding the student's ability to understand, make rational decisions concerning proposed educational programs, and communicate understanding.

UNIFIED GAMES DAY

WHEN

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH, 9AM

WHERE

**410 PATRIOT BOULEVARD
LIBERTY, IN**

MORE INFORMATION

All teachers of applied skills classes from the four participating corporations, please mark your calendars for our Unified Games Day! We will begin planning for this event upon our return from spring break. Be on the lookout for an invite to this planning meeting.

IEP RESOURCE CENTER IS NOW THE IEP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) CENTER

The IEP TA Center, formerly known as the Indiana IEP Resource Center, is a great source for your professional development needs. Take a moment to review their [training catalog](#). Upcoming trainings address writing behavior plans, providing specially designed instruction, and inclusive practices. Register [here](#) for upcoming workshops.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We have added a new feature to the newsletter highlighting members of our special education team across the four participating corporations. Since we don't have the ability to get together in person as much as before, we thought this might be a way to get to know staff from other buildings or corporations.



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Hobbies: Watching my kids play sports, reading, exercising, traveling with my husband

Favorite Food: It's almost impossible to pick one, but I will go with Pizza

Fun Fact: The 2022-2023 school year is my 18th year with East Central!