



Indiana Department of Education

2019 Legislative Priorities



Our Vision: All Indiana students develop skills and explore their passions through high-quality learning experiences that prepare them for engaged citizenry and successful participation in a global economy.

Our Mission: The Indiana Department of Education advocates for students, supports districts and schools with guidance and resources, and leads the K-12 ecosystem.

Priorities

Student Learning

- Advocate for an increase in STEM funding to \$20M over the biennium
- Support funding opportunities for teacher mentoring programs
- Advocate for expanding On My Way Pre-K
- Advocate to extend kindergarten ADM cut-off date
- Expect an inclusive K-12 environment
- Advocate for innovative high school models such as Pathways-Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

School Improvement

- Support a transparent, single accountability system for Hoosier families
- Advocate for charter school quality by holding authorizers accountable for academic and fiscal responsibilities
- Demand school safety remain a focus by expanding resources, enhancing readiness, and strengthening relationships
- Increase appropriations for drug-free schools to support the social-emotional well-being of all Indiana students
- Create more options for child abuse prevention education
- Advocate for the continuation of Teacher Appreciation Grants
- Increase assessment system efficiency by aligning ISTAR-KR, IREAD-3, and ILEARN
- Increase licensing flexibility for career specialist and workplace specialist

Operational Effectiveness

- Advocate for an increase in tuition support
- Advocate for closing the gap in pre-K special education funding
- Request a funding increase for the following instructional and operational areas:
1) assessment, 2) curricular reimbursement, and 3) English Learners
- Allow schools to retain 100% of their Medicaid program funds
- Allow greater opportunities for teachers by eliminating the 30-day resignation hold
- Expand Indiana's reciprocity statutes to create more opportunities for educators
- Restore communication disorder emergency permits for speech language pathologists
- Advocate for coaches and referees convicted of identified offenses having their IHSAA certification(s) suspended or revoked



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