



Monthly Happenings

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WIDA Standards Training

- The IDOE has announced part 1 of the WIDA English language development (ELD) standards overview training for English learners. Trainings will be held:

- 6-10-14 (Bloomington)
- 6-12-14 (Fort Wayne)
- 6-24-14 (Hammond)
- 6-27-14 (Indianapolis)
- 7-17-14 (Indianapolis)

-Visit [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Registration is free. Title III or NESP funds could be used for related costs such as substitutes, stipends, or travel per an approved grant.

WIDA Resource Guide

- Schools and educators can begin interacting with the WIDA standards framework by using this self-paced [WIDA Resource Guide](#). The guide contains suggested activities to build foundational knowledge in order to implement the WIDA standards.

-A sample [Indiana WIDA Lesson](#) demonstrates how WIDA utilizes the English language development (ELD) standard to make the Indiana content standard accessible to all levels of English learners. This model performance indicator (MPI) shows the linguistically appropriate language function that addresses the content stem with instructional supports.

Check out these awesome opportunities for PD!

- **WIDA ELD Standards Overview Webinar** located [HERE](#).

- **April 18, 2014 ELL Reading Strategies**; West Lafayette, IN. Presented by Dr. Trish Morita-Mullaney (Purdue). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

-**IDOE "Success with English Learners" EL Webinar Series**: A NEW webinar titled *Collaboration and Connection for Our ELL Students* by Dr. Morita-Mullaney is now posted on our website. These recorded webinars are free and can be viewed at any time. Participants can earn a PGP certificate for participating.

-**June 19, 2014 Title I Summit**; Indianapolis, IN. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

- **July 7-11, 2014 Implementing Activity Centers Using the Six Standards for Effective Pedagogy**; Indianapolis, IN. Presented by Dr. Annela Teemant (IUPUI). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

- **Know of any other great PD events?** Email the details to nwilliamson@doe.in.gov

Resources

- What Works Clearinghouse has released a new practice guide: [Teaching Academic Content and Literacy to English Learners in Elementary and Middle School](#). This teacher-friendly guide has concrete instructional suggestions so English learners can acquire academic vocabulary, learning from complex informational texts, and engage in analytical writing activities.

- April is national poetry month. Poetry is a great way for English learners to develop language in an authentic and exciting way. Check out Colorin Colorado's National Poetry Month [ELL resources](#) and Reading Rockets National Poetry Month [resources](#).

Interesting Article

- A school's dual language program in Lexington, KY is profiled in this [article](#) for its focus on developing the native language skills of its students.

-Indiana's own Forest Glen Elementary (MSD Lawrence Township) was profiled in January for its same great work [here](#).

Grant Reminders

- Title III FFY 2012 funds need to be encumbered by 9-30-14 and liquidated by 12-15-14. Title III FFY 2013 does not have to be encumbered or liquidated until 2015.

- NESP 2013 funds need to be requested by 6-1-14, encumbered by 9-30-14, and liquidated by 12-15-14.

Title I and English Learners

- The IDOE is hosting a Title I Summit on 6-19-14 to bring Indiana Title I schools together to provide leadership and key strategies to improve student achievement. Many English learners across the state are also eligible for Title I. The keynote speaker, Dr. Tim Shanahan, has authored several books, including *Developing Literacy in Second-Language Learners*, which reports the findings of the National Literacy Panel on Language-Minority Children and Youth. Visit [HERE](#) for more information and to register.