

ASPIRE HIGHER

JANUARY 2020



HIGH ABILITY GRANTS

Important Dates

Please keep these dates in mind as the second semester gets underway.

- **June 1, 2020** [Cash Request](#) Deadline
- **September 15, 2020** [Amendment](#) Deadline
- **September 30, 2020** Encumbrance Deadline
- **December 15, 2020** Expenditure/Liquidation Deadline
- **December 31, 2020** [Final Report](#)

Final Reports

- [Final reports](#) for the 2018-2019 grant cycle were due December 20, 2019. Thank you to all who submitted reports in a timely manner. You will receive notice once your reported expenditures have been reviewed.

Cash Requests

- Funds can be requested by filling out a [cash request form](#) and emailing the form to highability@doe.in.gov. The entire allotment of the approved grant can be requested up

front, and all funds must be requested prior to the deadline of June 1, 2020.

- Please keep detailed records of each of your expenditures and ensure purchases are designed to enhance the educational experience of your high ability students.

Grant Amendments

- A [grant amendment](#) should be requested if there is a significant **change to the programming** delineated in the approved grant **and/or** there is a desired change in any line item **greater than 10 percent**.

Grant Amendment Process

1. Download the [High Ability Grant Amendment Form](#).
2. If requesting a budget amendment--> enter your revised budget.
3. Provide the rationale for the programming and/or budget change.
4. Send in the completed form for review.
5. Wait for approval.

HIGH ABILITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND COLLABORATION

High Ability Professional Development Needs Assessment Survey

The Indiana Department of Education Office of High Ability is in the process of identifying potential opportunities for High Ability (HA) professional development for Indiana HA teachers, coordinators, and administrators. The results of this needs assessment survey will assist in constructing a professional development plan for 2020 that best supports the needs of Indiana HA educators. The survey results will be posted online through the Indiana Department of Education Office of High Ability.

- Click [here](#) to participate in our survey.

High Ability Program Construction

February 3, 2020 at Conner Prairie, Fishers, Indiana

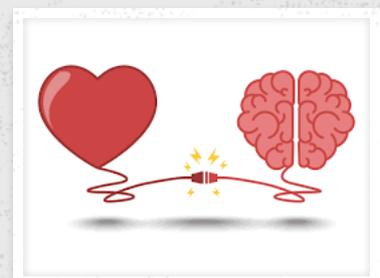
This workshop, led by gifted education consultants, Dr. Ginny Burney and Dr. Kristie Speirs Neumeister, is designed to improve high ability programming at your local education agency. Whether you need to build your program, expand it, or simply enhance the great things you are doing, this workshop will help you plan those next steps in program development.

- Click [here](#) for registration information.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Check out the following webinar series hosted by the National Association for Gifted Children on social-emotional learning.

- Friendship, Character, Spirituality, and Integrity: Paths to Overall Well-being [Webinar](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Audio](#)



- The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Children: What Do We Know? [Webinar](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Audio](#)
- The Social and Emotional Lives of Gifted Students [Webinar](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Audio](#)
- Understanding and Addressing the Needs of Gifted GLBTQ Youth [Webinar](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Audio](#)

ENRICHMENT RESOURCES

ELA--> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In his book, *Free at Last The Language of Dr. King's Dream*, Michael Clay Thompson analyzes Martin Luther King Jr.'s use of poetics in his infamous "I Have a Dream" speech.

- Click [here](#) for a free sample of the Teacher Manual.

Junior Great Books' shared inquiry on David Dinkins' speech delivered several days after Dr. King's assassination.

- Click [here](#) for a sample unit.

STEM--> Interactive Simulations

Use technology to further the understanding of science and math concepts with the University of Colorado Boulder's free online physics, chemistry, biology, math, and earth science interactive simulations. Search simulations by grade level or concept at [PhET.com](#).

- Click [here](#) to explore the simulations offered.



AP INFORMATION

Important Upcoming Dates

- **January 17, 2020:** Accommodations for Test Request Deadline
- **March 13, 2020:** Final Exam Ordering Deadline

Updates

Details about the **changes for the 2019-2020 school year** can be found in the [AP Coordinator's Manual, Part 1](#) (Part 2 coming soon).

- Click [here](#) for details about **course updates**.

AP PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND COLLABORATION

Advanced Placement Needs Assessment Survey

The Indiana Department of Education Office of High Ability is in the process of identifying potential opportunities for Advanced Placement (AP) professional development for Indiana AP teachers, coordinators, and administrators. The results of this needs assessment survey will assist in constructing a professional development plan for 2020 that best supports the needs

of Indiana AP educators. The survey results will be posted online through the Indiana Department of Education Office of High Ability.

- Click [here](#) to participate in our survey.

Advanced Placement Live Online Training

January 9 through March 10

Online Live Training

Join the College Board for [Session #4, Preparing for the Exams](#), in their five part series of live online training sessions designed for AP coordinators, administrators, and staff. Session #4 focuses on the components necessary to prepare for the May 2020 AP exam season.

The College Board is offering 10 different dates and times between January 9th and March 10th to participate in this session.

- Click [here](#) for more information on this series.

Dates and times will be released soon for Session #5 in this series, Exam Day Supports/Post Administration.

AP-TIP-IN OPPORTUNITIES

AP-TIP IN Teacher Regional Collaborative

4:30-7:00 p.m. February 20-March 12, 2020

FREE Facilitated Topics/ Discussion

FREE pizza and beverages!

AP-TIP IN hosts **free** regional meetings **open** to **all** AP math, science, and English teachers. The [Regional Teacher Collaborative](#) meetings are held at AP-TIP high schools providing an environment for teachers to work on strategies that ensure best practice in content areas.

Find a location near you!

- **February 20, 2020** Milan High School, Milan, IN
 - **February 25, 2020** New Albany, New Albany, IN
 - **March 5, 2020** Booneville High School, Booneville, IN
 - **March 10, 2020** Speedway High School, Speedway, IN
 - **March 11, 2020** Griffith High School, Griffith, IN
 - **March 12, 2020** Elkhart Memorial High School, Elkhart, IN
 - **March 12, 2020** Muncie Central High School, Muncie, IN
- Click [here](#) for more information.



Mock Training Exam

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2020

**Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN**

The Mock Exam Training is open to all AP math, science, and English teachers to hear from a College Board Reader on how the AP Exams are scored.

Registration opens **January 13, 2020** and closes **March 6, 2020**

Cost to attend, \$249

- Click [here](#) for more information.

A NOTE FROM THE HIGH ABILITY AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT SPECIALIST

Each student in Indiana deserves the best from each of us. Through collaboration, innovation, and empathy, we will keep Indiana a leader in equitable, rigorous instruction for our high ability students.

Wishing all a joy-filled 2020!

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