

Your success equals your student's success



IEA is your gateway to becoming the best teacher you can be and your ally in Illinois educational reform. Together, we are building the best learning environments for Illinois students.

Here's how IEA is making that happen.

IEA Teaching & Learning

IEA Teaching & Learning is at the center of IEA's mission to "... effect excellence and equity in Illinois public education."

From individual professional development opportunities to empowering your local association to become a driving force in school transformation, IEA Teaching & Learning is here for you.



Professional Development Training

Teacher quality is a crucial factor in determining what children learn. Continually sharpening your skills is just as important to building a successful career as it is to creating a successful learning environment for your students.

Your IEA dues provide you many free, custom-designed resources to enable your success within our state's current public education climate.

Here is just a sampling:

- **Skills-based training** – on topics such as instructional preparation; classroom management; effective discipline; professional responsibilities, goal-setting and growth plans; job interviewing; and how to succeed in public education.
- **Educational training** – on topics such as the Danielson Framework for Teaching; gathering evaluation data.

- **Induction and mentoring** – access to best-practice mentoring and coaching techniques, and vetted mentors across all Illinois school districts.
- **Professional learning communities** – guidance on forming school and district teams using real-time data to drive student achievement and other School Improvement Program (SIP) initiatives.
- **District strategy coordination** – consultation with local associations to ensure information and professional development opportunities align with and support district strategies and goals.
- **Online learning portal** – access to (through the Members Only link at www.ieanea.org) classroom-related, legal, technology and other courses, and qualifying professional development clock hours.

Consortium for Educational Change (CEC)

IEA Teaching & Learning is a founding partner of the Consortium for Educational Change (CEC), a research-based, not-for-profit, organization focused on improving student learning and achievement.



Specifically, CEC is a consortium of 80 statewide districts and their unions committed to creating "high performing systems that support successful students." The CEC accomplishes this goal by helping school boards, administration and local education associations like yours coordinate their school improvement efforts based on nationwide best practices. As an IEA member, your local association can access CEC services online at www.cecillinois.org.

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School improvement and education reform initiatives

Illinois public education is in the midst of unprecedented change. Your ability to be successful is directly connected to successful negotiation and implementation of educational reforms.

IEA stands up for the interests of teachers and students by putting IEA Teaching & Learning staff at the center of every major reform discussion. We hold seats on the:

- **State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB)**, to ensure requirements are appropriate and fair to teachers, and in the best interests of students.
- **Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC)**, which makes recommendations for state rules and regulations related to the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) of 2010.

When it's time to implement reform, your IEA Teaching and Learning staff provide training and support resources on all education reform initiatives, including:

- **PERA** – design and implementation of standardized performance evaluation systems and tools that incorporate student achievement measures, including the Illinois Teacher Evaluation Development (ITED) materials.
- **Common Core State Standards** – implementation strategies on new Illinois Learning Standards.
- **School improvement** – resources and support for increasing student achievement by increasing teacher effectiveness.

Partnership for Resilience

The partnership is working with teachers, administrators and health care professionals to meet the needs of students impacted by adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Learn more at www.partnership4resilience.org.

Early Career Development and Student program

This program addresses the unique needs and issues of teachers with 10 years of classroom experience or less. IEA Teaching and Learning staff organize the collective voice of college students and new teachers statewide, working with local associations to provide support to ensure their career success, such as training on:

- Leadership,
- Classroom management and resources,
- Instructional strategies,
- Curriculum development, and
- Professional responsibilities.

IEA Student Advisory Board – provides a path to education leadership and informs IEA on up and coming educational issues.

Other resources

No one teacher can be an expert on everything. That's why your IEA membership connects you to many other external resources to help you be effective and successful in your career, including:

- **Northcentral University (NCU)** – Your IEA membership includes National Education Association (NEA) membership. NCU offers undergraduate and advanced degrees, along with hundreds of continuing education courses—all online. Members can save 5 to 15 percent on tuition and fees, and scholarships are available. Visit www.neamb.com/professional-resources for more information and to register.
- **BetterLesson** – In partnership with the NEA, BetterLesson has created the Master Teacher Project, which provides 3,000 common core-aligned and classroom-ready lessons, created by 130 Master Teachers nationwide. Go to www.betterlesson.com to get started.
- **Primary Source** – Provides educators throughout Illinois with high-quality professional development and global education programming. Learn more at www.primarysource.org. ■