



PEI

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

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**2018 PEI Recruitment
Reward Continues!**



For a limited time, we are offering current members **HALF PRICE** membership for every **NEW \$240** Professional Member brought into PEI.

How will this work? Log in to the member portion of our website for details.

**Des Moines Performing
Arts PEI Discounts!**

**April 10-29th
Second City**

**May 6th
Oak Ridge Boys**

Contact the PEI office or log in to our website for more information!

Quick Links...

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Ten Classes Offered for License Renewal Credit!

We are excited to announce that PEI will begin offering courses that can be used for licensure renewal credits. The Board of Educational Examiners has awarded PEI the opportunity to offer these classes through a professional development program. We will be offering the classes June through August. The courses are available to both PEI members and non-members. Here are the class titles and a link for further descriptions, pricing, and registration. Upon completion of course(s) an official transcript will be issued that can be used for licensure renewal.

Professional Development Classes:

Ethical Educators - this course meets approved BOEE requirements for ethics training.

June 8/9 (Fri./Sat.) or July 9/10 (Mon./Tues.)

Dyslexia: Different by Design

June 12/13 (Tues./Wed.) or July 24/25 (Tues./Wed.)

Teaching STEM Career Readiness and Financial Literacy

June 18/19 (Mon./Tues.)

Teaching 21st Century Financial Literacy

June 25/26 (Mon./Tues.)

Programming Standards for TAG Students via a Multi-Tiered System of Supports

July 12/13 (Thurs./Fri.)

Starting Now: Personal Financial Literacy for Educators

July 16/17 (Mon./Tues.)

Experiencing and Teaching Students with Disabilities

July 20/21 (Fri./Sat.)

Uniquely Wired: Creating a Dyslexia Friendly Classroom Environment -Prerequisite: **Dyslexia: Different by Design**

July 31/Aug. 1 (Tues./Wed.)

Breaking the Code: Fundamentals of Multi-Sensory, Structured Literacy Instruction - Prerequisite: **Dyslexia: Different by Design**

August 7/8 (Tues./Wed.)

PEI Conference and Leadership Seminars

These two days combined will now include one renewal credit toward relicensure!

Conference: August 3 (Fri.)

Leadership Seminars: Choose one:

June 21 (Thurs.) - Pizza Ranch, Carroll, 425 US 30

July 26 (Thurs.) - Pizza Ranch, Fairfield, 1103 W. Burlington Ave.

August 4 (Sat.) - PEI Office

All classes will be held at the PEI conference center in West Des Moines except for the June 21, and July 26 Leadership Seminars.

Registration is open on our website. Click the link below to view more details and to register:

<https://www.peiowa.org/news/events/>



Wrapping Up the Legislative Session!

Several bills have recently been passed into law effecting education. One of the most recent, which received much attention from the media is House [File 2467](#) which relates to unpaid student meal accounts. This bill is so explicit in areas one cannot help but wonder what might be occurring in some districts! The bill encourages school districts to provide reimbursable meals; prohibits the district from posting a list of students who owe money for meals or publicly identifying the student with wrist bands, hand stamps, or identification marks; prohibits the district from discarding the students' meal and requires the district to present the alternative meal in the same manner as with any other student.

[Senate File 475](#) relates to a number of areas including adopting rules for online education, concurrent enrollment in community colleges, extra-curricular activities, fees, biliteracy seal upon graduation, children's health screenings, and Financial Literacy.

[Senate File 2318](#) establishes rules concerning high school graduation requirements. The bill states that any student at any grade level who satisfactorily completes a high school level class be given graduation credit for that class unless the student is unable to demonstrate proficiency or unless the course unit completed does not meet the school's standards. However, if the student is denied, the district must provide the student's parent/guardian in writing the reason for the denial.

The Department of Education under [Senate File 2360](#) is charged with establishing a Dyslexia Response Task report which will be made to the governor and general assembly no later than November 15, 2019.

Another bill receiving much attention is [Senate File 2364](#) requiring schools to develop "high-quality emergency operations plans," which includes natural disaster and active shooter scenarios but is not limited to those two types of scenarios. In a meeting with a principal earlier in the school year, a code was announced over the intercom and from my vantage point, I was able to view school personnel rushing to the emergency location. Their rapid and effective response deescalated a dangerous situation. It was all very impressive! I have since learned, not every district has such a response team. As PEI members, I encourage you to speak to administrators about implementing this type of team!

Foreign Language will now be referred to as World Language and **now includes American sign language.** [House File 2390.](#)

We wrote in our March newsletter that the Senate and House had taken up teacher training in suicide prevention. Shortly after our newsletter was published, the governor signed [Senate File 2113](#) into law. It requires annual training of at least one hour for school personnel. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in Iowa for 15-24 year olds (<http://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/iowa-cause-of-death-by-age-and-gender>).

Also passing through the legislature was [House File 2442](#) providing for concussion and/or brain injury policies for extracurricular activities.

The three new trainings listed above for teachers and coaches, suicide prevention, active shooter training, and brain injury must be implemented on or before July 2019.

We will continue to keep you posted on new legislation and the end of the session!

SAVE THE DATE!

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