



Experience the Next Generation of Researching Digital Content with AEA Scout! AEA Scout: One login. One search. One interface.

AEA Scout is a new online portal that provides access to many of the digital resources provided by Iowa's AEA's: AEA Digital Library, American History in Video, Encyclopedia Britannica, Gale, Learn 360, Mackin VIA, PBS Learning Media, SIRS Researcher and Teen Health & Wellness. Initially, 5th - 12th grade students will benefit from a one-stop-shop for their research needs, and teachers can rest easy knowing their students are searching the quality content they've come to know and trust.



Accessing AEA Scout

Visit the [AEA Scout website](#) today! Mobile apps coming soon!

- Educators can log in using their "AEA Login" -- the same username and password they use to login to trainings via the AEA Learning Online system.
- While we're working on a more seamless way for students to access AEA Scout, they can use their school-issued email address and a special building code provided by their AEA librarian or media consultant to log in. If districts would like to provide the code themselves to their students, they can contact support@aealearningonline.org or (800) 255-0405 ext. 14702.

Individual access is still available for these digital resources that currently aren't able to be integrated into AEA Scout. Visit your AEA's website or the [Iowa's AEA's website](#) for these great resources.

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Reminder to Check TLC Fund Balances

[This end of the year report](#) from the Iowa Department of Education summarizes Iowa districts' TLC implementation for the 2018-19. This report summarizes the data provided in end-of-year reports submitted by all 329 school districts during the 2018-19 school year. Districts are encouraged to review their TLC fund balances to ensure they are maximizing these funds and to spend down unspent balances. As a reminder, [there are six categories of allowable uses for TLC funds that are summarized here](#).



Search and Compare Products with the New AEA Purchasing Marketplace



The “[AEA Purchasing Marketplace](#)” is picking up speed! Our new purchasing platform makes it easier than ever to search and compare products across all our purchasing contacts! Ordering doesn't have to be difficult. No longer are you shopping contract to contract with multiple windows open on your screen. Everything you need to know is now accessible in one place!

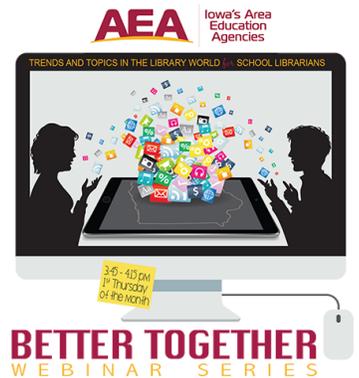
With quick access to multiple vendors and flexible payment options (PO, credit card, P-card), AEA Purchasing Marketplace was built with busy folks in mind! Tutorials on how to shop are available [online](#) and AEA Purchasing staff is just a phone call or email away. Contact [Laurie Hoing](#) for more information on how your buildings and districts can benefit.

In Zoom news, AEA Purchasing now has a way for school districts to save on Zoom licenses! Schools can now save 10 percent on Zoom's EDU 20 package, which includes 20 licenses and other features, for \$1,800 per year. For more information, contact [Joni Puffett](#).

Iowa Teacher Librarians Again Have Opportunity to Collaborate During Monthly Online Sessions

Iowa's AEAs are again offering Iowa school teacher-librarians the opportunity to network, share ideas and “talk shop.” The “Better Together: Collaborative Conversations” is a series in which an AEA teacher-librarian and a guest expert will facilitate a monthly online discussion about a predetermined topic with time built in for networking and Q & A. This year's sessions will focus on the Iowa School Library Program Standards.

And the best part? No cost, no long agenda and no drive time! Check out this [online flyer](#) for all the details.



Save the Date: AEA Legislative Advocacy Event is Feb. 10-11, 2020

Iowa's AEAs will host its annual Legislative Advocacy Event on Feb. 10-11, 2020 at Prairie Meadows. Registration and additional details will be released in December.

Meeting the Requirements for Suicide Prevention Legislation

The following document includes the new URL for additional trainings that are listed in the technical assistance guidance created by the Iowa Department of Education.

Meeting the requirements of recent mental health legislation



Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs) are providing support to Iowa schools to meet the requirements of Senate File 2113. This legislation requires school districts to provide annual employee training and protocols in two areas:

- 1 Suicide Prevention and Postvention
- 2 Identification of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and strategies to mitigate toxic stress response

Iowa's AEAs also offer Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training that focuses on how to help students experiencing a mental health, addiction challenge, or crisis. YMHFA is a nationally recognized curriculum.

Additional trainings are listed in the technical assistance guidance created by the Iowa Department of Education (https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/GuidanceSF2113_0.pdf). The list is not exhaustive and school districts are not required to select from the list. School districts have the authority to select the evidence-supported training that best meets the needs of their district.

Suicide Prevention and Postvention Training

An online course for district personnel supporting students, and knowing when and how to make referrals to school or community-based mental health providers.

- One hour
- Required annually
- AEA Learning Online, <https://training.aealearningonline.org>

Identification of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Strategies to Mitigate Toxic Stress Response

This training focuses on learning the risk and protective factors, outcomes associated with ACEs, and evidence-based strategies to reduce or eliminate the impact of ACEs and stop them from occurring in the first place.

- One hour
- Required annually
- Contact your AEA for training information

Youth Mental Health First Aid

YMHFA is a course that focuses on how to help students experiencing a mental health, addiction challenge, or crisis. It is a quality, evidence-based training, but participation is not required of Iowa schools. YMHFA meets the suicide prevention training part of the legislation when it is completed along with the postvention module available on AEA Learning Online.

- Face-to-Face
- 6-8 hours
- Contact your AEA for training information
- AEA Learning Online Postvention Module, <https://training.aealearningonline.org>

Within the AEA Learning Online suicide modules, districts have the opportunity to personalize the content and add their own resources. Contact AEA Learning Online for information.
