

**THE NEW
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION LICENSE
PLATE BENEFITS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALL
OVER THE STATE**



The Indiana Department of Education has had a specialty license plate for about twenty years... but not everyone knows how to order one or who benefits from the money raised by the sales of the plates.

Many people remember the Garfield/School House plate that was introduced in the late 1990s and then the “Read On Indiana” plate that was issued about ten years later. The latest version of the Department of Education plate features the “Hoosier Family of Readers” owls.

Though the design of the plate has changed over the years, one fact about the plates remains a constant: The contribution that is made when you purchase your “Hoosier Family of Readers” plate directly supports public education in the State of Indiana. The revenue from the plate sales is distributed in two different ways...

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the money goes to the Department of Education to administer the school intervention and career counseling development program which funds grants for hiring new elementary school counselors.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of the money goes to the school corporation or the public education foundation of the purchaser’s choice.

In the case of the 25% of funds paying for school counselors, schools can apply for grants that will pay up to \$15,000 to be applied toward the salary of a full-time, licensed elementary school counselor.

As for the 75% percent of funds distributed to local public education foundations, that money can be used for a multitude of projects and programs within the school district as long as it is not used for teacher salaries or related benefits.

More information regarding the elementary school counselor grants can be found [here](#).

To purchase your “Hoosier Family of Readers” plate and support the school corporation of your choice, visit your local BMV.