



Media Literacy

Public Act 102-0055

Public Act 102-0055 amends the Illinois School Code to ensure that students in every public high school in Illinois develop 21st century skills for inquiry and critical thinking to better navigate the current information landscape.

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, every public high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy, including instruction on how to access information, analyze and evaluate media messages, create media, reflect on media consumption, as well as the social responsibility of engaging with media of all forms.

Contact the Standards and Instruction Department with questions by emailing ILTeachTalkLearn@isbe.net



Learn more about Media Literacy and access instructional resources

In Illinois, each school district has local control to determine its own curricula and instructional methods to best serve the needs of its students and fulfill state requirements for units of study.

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WHAT IS MEDIA LITERACY?

Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a variety of objective forms, including, but not limited to, print, visual, audio, interactive, and digital texts.

Media literacy expands on traditional literacy skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening to include skills needed to consume media in the 21st century.

Media literacy is a collection of skills acquired over time that build upon one another. It is an ongoing practice that its learners exercise in a variety of ways.



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