

K Microcredential Workgroup

7.28.2026

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Purpose for today

- Identify the necessary skeleton for a K microcredential for educators who hold an Illinois elementary grades 1-6 Professional Educator License.
- Focus on structure that institutions of higher education can use for ISBE approval.
- Keep recommendations job-embedded, evidence-based, and feasible for asynchronous completion.

Whole-Group Orientation

- Starting assumptions:
 - Kindergarten requires developmentally appropriate instruction.
 - A microcredential affords practicing elementary education endorsed teachers a job embedded means to show how she/he/they demonstrate identified competencies.



Digital Promise Microcredential Framework



Today: Use framework as a point of departure to begin the identification of the ISBE K Microcredential that IHEs will use to develop a microcredential for approval.

“ISBE provides the skeleton, IHEs provide the muscles and tendons”

Breakout Groups I

- There are three breakout groups facilitated by ISBE staff
- Workgroup member submitted drafts, shared in an email on 7.27.2026, are considered in each breakout room for collective contemplation.
- NOTE: Considerations are **not** evaluating the **quality** of the draft. Rather, what matters "stuff" that makes up the what, the how, the supports, the evidence, and the like.
- What themes might serve as the 'bones' of the skeleton?

Microcredential meeting

Breakout Groups II

1. What themes or concepts in the workgroup member submitted drafts could be part of the K microcredential skeleton?
2. What could be named as non-negotiable across all approved K microcredentials?
3. What evidence should a candidate submit to show the competency in practice?

Whole-Group Share-Out



Next Steps

- Prior to the 8.10.2026 meeting, ISBE staff will synthesize Menti feedback and breakout group transcripts into a feedback summary and share with workgroup members
- At the 8.10.2026 meeting, work will focus on providing greater specificity/clarity for the K Microcredential Skeleton and in light of ISBE vision.
- This information will, for the 8.31.2026 meeting, be drafted into a v1 ISBE K microcredential aligned with the ISBE Microcredential Framework.