

Illinois Library Information Specialist Endorsement Path (PreK-12)



If you're considering a fulfilling career as a school librarian in Illinois, you're in the right place!

Before you begin pursuing the Illinois Library Information Specialist Endorsement Path, you must have a Bachelor's degree. If you do not have a Bachelor's degree, enroll in a program to obtain your degree. Then begin your pathway.

Do you already hold a valid Illinois PEL?

YES

1. Complete 18 semester hours of graduate-level LIS coursework aligned to ALA/AASL standards.
2. Pass the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Library Information Specialist Test (#220).
3. Apply in ELIS

NO

1. Complete an accredited MLIS program that includes student teaching
2. Get a PEL
3. Pass the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Library Information Specialist Test (#220).
4. Apply in ELIS

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What if I do not have a PEL?

Complete an entitlement program that includes student teaching.

2. How many field experience hours are required?

It varies by program; typically 100+ hours are required before student teaching.

3. What if I fail the ILTS #220?

You may retake it; check the ILTS site for waiting period and fees.

4. What is the ELIS application fee?

\$50 per endorsement (subject to change).

This guide is informational; consult ISBE and your institution for official requirements.