

Capacity Builders: Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan

Overview the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan and the Capacity Builders Series

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Session 1



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Housekeeping

- Please complete the [registration form](#) for this event.
- Today's slide deck can be accessed here:
- All resources are available in a [our shared folder](#) and archived on ISBE's [Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan webpage](#) after each session.



Illinois has an **urgent** and **collective responsibility** to achieve **educational equity** by ensuring that **all** policies, programs, and practices **affirm** the **strengths** that each and **every child** brings within their **diverse backgrounds** and **life experiences**, and by delivering the comprehensive **supports, programs, and educational opportunities** they need to **succeed**.

ISBE Equity Statement



Shared Norms

Empower

Stay future-focused, work toward solutions, and promote progress in every discussion.

Engage

Actively participate by sharing feedback and interacting in both the chat and small groups.

Uplift

Encourage diverse perspectives, provide space for everyone to share their ideas, and embrace discomfort to foster growth.

Unite

Foster a sense of togetherness and openness, ensuring full participation. Make your video available if possible.

Agenda

1

Overview
of Capacity
Builders

2

ICLP and
Resources

3

View of
Upcoming
Year

History of the Capacity Builders Series

Capacity Builders is a virtual learning community led by professionals closest to the work, designed to support educators in addressing real-time challenges and advancing educational outcomes.

Now in its fourth iteration, the Capacity Builders Series partners with ROEs and higher education representatives to unpack the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan. This year's focus is on empowering leaders to drive systemic change and improve literacy outcomes.

Previous Series:

- **Illinois Priority Learning Standards Series (2021 - 2022):** Focused on aligning learning standards with local educational needs.
- **Curriculum Evaluation Tool Series (2022):** Supported districts in evaluating and refining their curricula.
- **Statewide Supports Series (2022-2023):** Focused on leveraging statewide supports to improve student performance and align curriculum with priority learning standards.



What Capacity Builders IS

A learning **community** led by those closest to the work, fostering collaboration and real-time solutions.



A practical, **field-driven approach** that meets local schools, districts, and leaders where they are.



A series that focuses on building capacity for **systemic change** in education.



Interactive and **participant centered**, focused on shared expertise.



A **one-size-fits-all** training removed from the realities of daily work in schools and districts.

A **top-down initiative** with limited input from practitioners in the field.

A **passive webinar** series where participants are expected to simply consume information.

Static or **rigid**, lacking adaptation to the evolving needs of educators.

What Capacity Builders IS NOT

Intended Audience

This series is designed specifically for ROE/ISC staff, district and school leaders, coaches literacy specialists, and higher education representatives focused on driving systems-level literacy improvement.

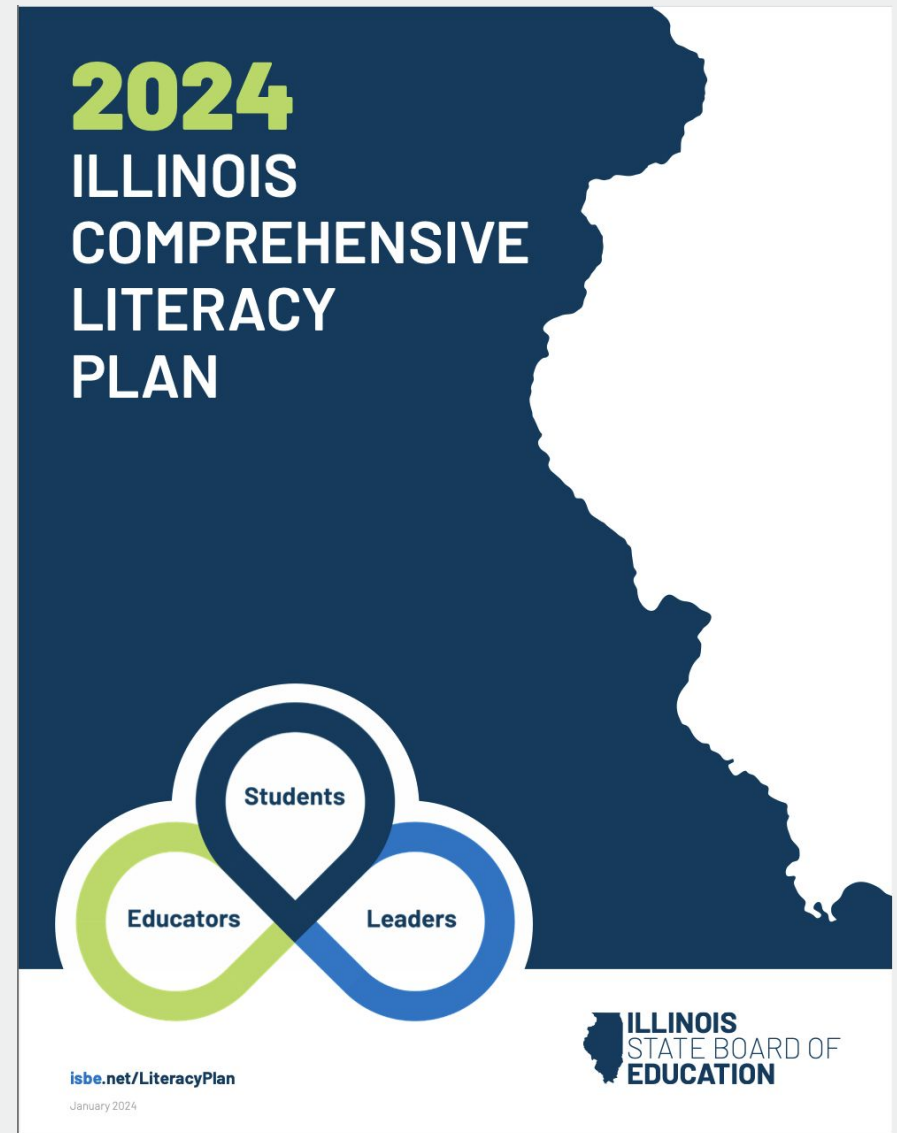
**Please note, additional professional development opportunities on evidence-based literacy instructional practices for teachers will be released by January 1, 2025.*

Series Objectives

1. Build capacity for implementing the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan and improving literacy outcomes.
2. Equip leaders with tools to analyze and streamline data for actionable insights.
3. Foster collaboration to align curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices with literacy goals.

The Illinois State Board of Education adopted the **Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan** on January 24, 2004. This plan serves as a roadmap to enhance and unify core literacy instruction efforts statewide.

The plan, required by [Public Act 103-0402](#), is the result of extensive engagement with educators and stakeholders across the state and a wide range of community members interested in and affected by the final plan.



Resources

The Illinois State Board of Education has released many resources to accompany the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan. These resources were created to help guide educators, policymakers, and community members, through the literacy plan with ease and clarity.

Check out the resources:

<https://www.isbe.net/literacyplan>



What resource sparked your interest?

Identify it in the CHAT!



I really like that there is a Reader's Guide for the different stakeholders

I have found the Reader's Guide for Educator Preparation Programs very user friendly and helpful.

I love the reader's guides for your different stakeholders- brilliant!

"Growing Data Literacy" document

What resource sparked your interest?

I like the newcomer and multilingual support and connections.

The "Getting Started Toolkit" section has some extremely helpful resources.

The Local Literacy Template will be very useful when working with districts to create a plan!

Some Responses from Participants

Office hours--totally great knowing it's a regular option for support

What resource sparked your interest?

Some Responses from Participants

The asset mapping document and the implementing process overview.

I am truly starting at the beginning, so I am glad to see both the getting started toolkit and the topics for the remainder of this series.

The curriculum evaluation tool since our district will be looking to adopt new reading curriculum. Its a great guide for discussoins around curriculum and assessment.

The "Considerations for Support of Newcomer Students" is especially helpful.

As an instructional coach, my attention went immediately to the Coaching Guidance Presentation and Checklist.

I love the quick fact sheets

The Seven Domains and Component Posters!

Mark Your Calendars: 2024-2025 Capacity Builders

- 10/17/24 Session 1: Overview of the Series and Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan
- **11/14/24 Session 2: Understanding Literacy Data**
- 12/5/24 Session 3: Making Sense of Data Overload
- 1/23/25 Session 4: Local Control and Data Utilization
- 2/13/25 Session 5: Evaluating Curriculum and Instructional Practices
- 3/13/25 Session 6: Key Literacy Strategies and Concepts
- 4/10/24 Session 7: Assembling and Leading a Literacy Team
- 5/8/25 Session 8: Monitoring Progress and Leveraging Resources
- 6/5/25 Session 9: Revising and Sustaining Literacy Plans



What are you most excited to learn from Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan Capacity Builders series.

[See what participants shared here](#)

Needs Assessment

The [Needs Assessment](#) is a short survey for those working with districts, schools or educators that not only gives information of one's needs but current knowledge and focus.

PLEASE MAKE A COPY of the [NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#) in order to USE LOCALLY!

Homework

- Become familiar with the IL Comprehensive Literacy Plan and current resources.
- Mark your calendars for the upcoming Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan Capacity Builders series.
- Invite others to attend the webinars series with you!
- Gather information from those you work with by distributing the [NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#).

Evaluation

<https://forms.office.com/r/hATKuzefeU>

Evaluation | Session 1: Overview of
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Questions



Thank you