



# Illinois State Board of Education

## Training Webinar for Nonpublic Recognition Visits 2025-2026

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# Presentation Overview

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# Purpose and Timing

- [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o](#) allows for general education nonpublic schools to seek recognition status from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- [23 Illinois Administrative Code Part 425](#) outlines the specific requirements for schools seeking recognition.
- Schools that are recognized must receive an initial visit and then "periodic" visits, which is currently approximately every 5 years.

# Types of Visits

- Schools are divided into two categories:
  - Initial Visits – Schools seeking recognition status for the first time
  - Renewal Visits – Schools being visited as part of the 5-year visit cycle

# Preparation for Visits

- Team leaders should:
  - Review the [Evaluation Instrument](#)
  - Review the [Glossary](#)
- School administrators should:
  - Review the same documents
  - Review the webinar in preparation of the visit
  - Review the information in Box 5 on [our website](#)

# Preparation for Visits Continued

- Reoccurring points of confusion:
  - 102 Social Media – This is not about the school's technology policy.
  - 111 Student Medical Rights – These policies must be in place for all schools.
  - 203 Health Topics – Unless there is an N/A box, all of these topics must be covered.
  - If a box is marked “No” it should be listed in the deficiencies box on the very last page of the evaluation instrument.

# Preparation for Visits Continued

No changes from SY24-25



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# Scheduling

- Please contact your school about scheduling no later than January 30.
- Visits should be completed before April 30.



# During the Visit

- It is not a “Gotcha” exercise.
- If something comes up during the visit that is unexpected, please take note and share with ISBE’s Steve Parrott – [srparrott@isbe.net](mailto:srparrott@isbe.net)

# Post-visit Procedure

- Continue to work with your school to correct any areas of non-compliance found during your visit.
- A soft deadline of 30 days (from the time the school receives a copy of the report) to address any issues is recommended.
- If the school has not addressed their issues within 30 days of the visit\*, send the report to ISBE.
- \*If your visit takes place in late April, send the report to ISBE by May 15 regardless of the 30-day period.

# Questions and Contact Information

- Questions about the evaluation instrument are likely answered in the glossary. Please check there first.
- Team leaders or school administrators can contact [sparrott@isbe.net](mailto:sparrott@isbe.net) for assistance.
- The [nonpublic website](#) also has answers to many questions.