



READINESS FOR ISTE CERTIFICATION

ISTE Certification Participants Should Be:

- ❑ Comfortable with using technology for learning.
- ❑ Possess a growth mindset.
- ❑ Be able to commit to at least 40 hours of online learning.
- ❑ Be able to commit an additional 40 hours to prepare a portfolio for submission and review.

Certification Requirements

ISTE Certification for Educators is open to those who work with K-12 students or adult learners, and requires the following of participants:

- ❑ Commit at least 40 hours over a 10-week facilitated online course that includes:
 - ❑ Attending three synchronous meetings.
 - ❑ Completing online assignments.
- ❑ Commit an estimated 40 hours to curate a portfolio within six months:
 - ❑ Curate or design artifacts aligned to the ISTE Standards for Educators.
 - ❑ Submit a competency-based portfolio.
- ❑ Earn the distinction of becoming an ISTE Certified Educator by achieving 80% or better on your final portfolio submission.

Certification Benefits

ISTE Certification positions you as an expert among your colleagues. Online learning is facilitated by ISTE Certified Trainers who are vetted and trained by ISTE, are experts in their field, and demonstrate a deep understanding of the ISTE Standards in practice. Becoming ISTE-certified:

- ❑ Deepens and expands your teaching skill set in applying the ISTE Educator Standards in practice.
- ❑ Provides access to an international professional learning community of ISTE Certified Educators.
- ❑ Allows you to earn up to four graduate-level credits.

ISTE Certification is valid for three years, with renewal based on a point system (see Phase 3 section below).

PHASE 1: ISTE Certification Fully Online Coursework

ISTE estimates learners will need to devote at least 40 hours to complete the coursework, including three facilitated synchronous virtual sessions. Each section consists of two-hours of virtual instruction (required), followed by another 30 hours of coursework.

Module 1 | Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- ❑ Become oriented to the overall learning experience and navigation of the course in Brightspace (ISTE's official Learning Management System).
- ❑ Understand the overall programmatic goals, including the portfolio process.
- ❑ Be introduced to ISTE's Educator Standards and begin to synthesize and internalize the meaning of the standards.
- ❑ Leverage their professional learning network as a resource for continued development.

Module 1 activities to complete:

- ❑ Course introduction and structure.
- ❑ Community-building activity.
- ❑ Educator Standards read through.
- ❑ Importance of professional learning networks.



Module 2 | Empowered Educator | Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- ❑ Establish professional learning goals for applying the ISTE Standards.
- ❑ Curate and evaluate the efficacy of digital tools to meet learning objectives.
- ❑ Reflect on personal strengths and challenges related to using educational technology in practice.

Module 2 activities to complete:

- ❑ Attend synchronous session 1 (2 hours).
- ❑ Setting professional learning goals assignment.
- ❑ Instructional uses of digital tools assignment.
- ❑ Standards in practice quiz.

Module 3 | Designing for Diversity and Accessibility | Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- ❑ Practice designing learning experiences that meet all learners' needs.
- ❑ Explore strategies to personalize learning that fosters independence and accommodates learner needs.
- ❑ Learn how to develop and provide alternative assessments.
- ❑ Reflect on current practice and brainstorm new strategies to deepen the application of the ISTE Standards in practice.

Module 3 activities to complete:

- ❑ Attend synchronous session 2 (2 hours).
- ❑ Designing for diversity and accessibility assignment.
- ❑ Blended learning environment assignment.
- ❑ Standards in practice quiz.



Module 4 | Leading Learner Accountability | Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- ❑ Design learning activities that empower learners with digital citizenship skills.
- ❑ Design authentic digital learning environments that accommodate learner variability.
- ❑ Explore digital learning environments, such as online or blended learning models, and identify best practices within each model.
- ❑ Identify a digital access issue within their school or district and leverage a computational thinking/design thinking process to help address equity.

Module 4 activities to complete:

- ❑ Attend synchronous session 3 (2 hours).
- ❑ The new digital citizenship assignment.
- ❑ Data-driven learning assignment.
- ❑ Standards in practice quiz.

Module 5 | Redesigning Learning and Instruction | Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- ❑ Understand the skills necessary to advocate for equitable access and create personalized/authentic learning experiences for all students.
- ❑ Design an equitable-access advocacy project.
- ❑ Explore their own practice to identify and curate artifacts that demonstrate the application of the ISTE Standards for Educators.

Module 5 activities to complete:

- ❑ Collaborator standard assignment.
- ❑ Advocating for equitable access design challenge assignment.
- ❑ Final standards in practice quiz.
- ❑ Begin identifying and preparing artifacts for final course assignment, with facilitator feedback for growth and improvement.



Module 6 | ISTE Standards for Educators in Practice | Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- ❑ Begin identifying and preparing artifacts for final course assignment, with facilitator feedback for growth and improvement.
- ❑ Reflect on practice with the ISTE Standards for Educators.
- ❑ Understand the portfolio submission process and expectations.

Module 6 activities to complete:

- ❑ Redesigning learning and instruction assignments.
- ❑ ISTE membership engagement assignment.
- ❑ Portfolio information discussion.

PHASE 2: CERTIFICATION AND EVALUATION

Portfolio Preparation

ISTE estimates that it will take learners about 40 hours of independent work to curate professional artifacts for their portfolio submission. Learners have a six-month window to complete this work. To support this effort, learners will have access to the online learning modules, a guide for portfolio submissions with examples and artifact expectations, and discussion boards to ask questions and get feedback from peers. In addition, ISTE hosts twice monthly office hours where learners can ask questions and share their draft artifacts.

Portfolios must include evidence of the application of the ISTE Standards, with an explanation of the context and why it aligns with the standards, and a final reflection. ISTE accepts portfolio submissions on a monthly basis.





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Evaluation

After a portfolio is submitted, expert ISTE Certification Evaluators review the artifacts and provide feedback. It can take six to eight weeks to complete and publish results. Learners who earn 80% or higher become ISTE Certified Educators. Participants will receive feedback on their submission to support resubmission if required.

PHASE 3: ISTE CERTIFIED EDUCATOR COMMUNITY

ISTE Certification is valid for three years, and ISTE has developed a renewal process that supports ongoing learning, sharing and mentoring. ISTE Certified Educators select activities of interest based on job-embedded priorities, areas for improvement or collaboration with other educators. Activities outline the resources, materials and feedback required to receive points. In three years, ISTE Certified Educators must earn 300 points to renew their certification.

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