

# Introducing ISTE Certification

*The certification that  
transforms educator practice*



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## Focused on pedagogy. Based on the ISTE Standards.

ISTE Certification for Educators is a competency-based, device-neutral certification designed for ambitious educators who want to use technology to catalyze learning.

Designed to build competency with the ISTE Standards for Educators, the certification combines face-to-face and online pedagogy-focused professional development with a competency-based evaluation.

Rigorous, yes. *Worth it? Absolutely!*



## Rethink, *then redesign learning*

ISTE Certification helps PK-12 educators rethink and redesign learning activities with technology to engage students in real-world, authentic, active learning. And because it's learner-focused and pedagogy-based, ISTE Certification gives educators the tools they need to change classroom practice and improve student outcomes, no matter what tech they're using.

## Learn, reflect, curate, certify!

Aspiring educators will complete approximately 30 hours of instruction and activities before assembling an e-portfolio that includes artifacts and reflections on their learning. Candidates have up to six months to compile their portfolio, which is then evaluated by the ISTE Certification review team.

*"By becoming an ISTE Certified Educator, you're telling the world you're an educator who uses research-based practices, curates and integrates effective technology tools, and that you're connected to a network of resources that allow for professional growth year after year."*

Jonathon Lee, MMD  
State-Wide Technology Support and ISTE Certified Educator

## Here's a look at the process:

### STEP 1: In-person training

Complete a two-day, in-person training as part of a cohort that remains active throughout the program. Cohorts are led by ISTE Certification Authorized Providers (CAPs) around the country – proven PD providers selected and trained by ISTE.

### STEP 2: Online training

Complete five to eight weeks of deep online learning on critical topics like designing for diversity, personalized learning, digital learning environments and digital citizenship.

### STEP 3: ePortfolio

Apply learning and assemble artifacts that demonstrate learning. Participants have up to six months to complete and submit.

### STEP 4: Become an ISTE Certified Educator!

Celebrate, share your expertise and support learning transformation!

## Wondering what a successful candidate looks like?

Consider these questions to determine if you're ready to start down the road to ISTE Certification:

#### Do you have the time?

To earn ISTE Certification, you'll need to participate in a two-day face-to-face training and an online component that can last five to eight weeks, depending on the provider. Plan to dedicate four to six hours per week during the online portion. After completion, candidates will have six months to submit their evidence to ISTE Certification evaluators.

*Tip: Take a peek at your schedule. Are there times, barring anything unforeseeable, that would prevent you from meeting the deadlines – like the start of the school year or testing schedules?*

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#### Do you have the tech skills?

You'll be more successful if you're already using technology to teach students or train adults. You should also be comfortable with, or have experience with, learning online in a learning management system (LMS). The online component of certification involves 30 hours of fast-paced instruction.

#### Are you familiar with the ISTE Standards?

A basic understanding of the ISTE Standards for Students and the ISTE Standards for Educators is a prerequisite for this course.

#### Are you committed?

ISTE Certification is designed to bring transformative change to your classroom or school. This is not your average PD course; it's intensive ongoing training and requires documentation.

## Get started with ISTE Certification

### Selected providers ensure learning is high quality, nearby

ISTE has created a network of ISTE CAPs around the country to deliver this program. CAPs have been vetted based on their ability to provide a high-quality learning experience and guide participants successfully throughout the certification process.



Regional CAPs make participating in ISTE Certification convenient. Find a complete list of CAPs at [iste.org/certification](https://iste.org/certification), then contact them directly to sign up or fill out a form to stay in the know!

### Schools and districts – *build your cohort and get certified!*

Schools and districts can build teams to participate in certification as a group. This approach creates a corps of highly trained practitioners ready to support systemwide transformation!

#### Ready to dive in?

Create your team, find a CAP in your area and enroll your group.

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