

## **Purposes—Standard/Master Certificate Renewal**

- A. Advance the certificate-holder's knowledge and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content Area Standards in the certificate holder's area(s) of certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment;
- B. Develop the certificate-holder's knowledge and skills in areas determined to be critical for all Illinois teachers, known as state priorities (special education, mathematics, technology, standards and assessment, reading);
- C. Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the certificate-holder's local school improvement plan if the teacher is employed in an Illinois public or state-operated elementary school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board of control; and
- D. Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and skills in an additional teaching field or toward the acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement, or relevant education degree;
- E. Address the needs of serving students with disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving such students in the least restrictive environment. Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special education must devote at least 50% of their continuing professional development activities to this purpose. Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least 20% of their activities to this purpose.