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Licensure Information, News and Knowledge

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ROEs/ISCs

ISBE TO ESTABLISH AFFINITY GROUPS TO SUPPORT AND RETAIN TEACHERS OF COLOR

ISBE has launched a \$2 million effort to support and retain teachers of color. ISBE will establish a statewide system of affinity groups in partnership with Sangamon-Menard Regional Office of Education 51 and Teach Plus. The groups will bring teachers of color together to examine the causes of attrition, and other relevant issues. The recommendations will inform local district leaders on ways to improve working conditions and experiences for teachers of color. Retaining a higher rate of current teachers of color will help Illinois meet its overall high demand for teachers. For more information or to participate in this initiative, email Josh Kaufmann at jkaufmann@teachplus.org.

RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT

License renewal season is quickly approaching and will open April 1 for all eligible educators. Due to the number of educators needing to renew this year, renewal reminders will be sent in waves starting March 30, 2022. Please remind educators to renew their license. Visit isbe.net for helpful [renewal resources](#).

SPRING ROE/ISC TOUCHPOINT

The Spring ROE/ISC Touchpoint is Monday, March 28. Please be sure to have at least one person from your office register for the sessions to stay up to date on the latest information and news. The [morning session](#) will feature general licensure updates, and the [afternoon session](#) will feature educator renewal and misconduct updates.

EDUCATOR LICENSURE FOREIGN CREDENTIAL EVALUATION SOURCES

Visit isbe.net for the most current list of [Foreign Credential Evaluation Sources](#).

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATIONS FAQ

As compliance checks continue, review our new [Previous Qualifications FAQ](#) for help.

Illinois Institutions of Higher Education

STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD MEETING

The next State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) meeting will be held on Friday, April 1, 2022. For more information, visit the [SEPLB website](#).

ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING SYSTEM

The Annual Program Reporting (APR) system opened February 1 and will close April 30. For more information, contact your preparation team liaison or refer to the [APR user guide](#).

APR AND IEPP DATES AND TERMINOLOGY

Need a quick reminder regarding Annual Program Reporting (APR) and Illinois Educator Preparation Profiles (IEPP) date ranges and associated terminology? Visit [isbe.net](#) to find the [APR and IEPP Reference Sheet](#).

**Do you have a project, initiative, story, etc.
that you would like to share?**

Email your IHE spotlight stories to preparation@isbe.net.

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