

IHE Literacy Community of Practice

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Agenda

Review of Meeting Norms and Meeting Objectives -5 min

Illinois Tool Hopefuls

Steering Team resource share out- 15 min

Panel of Experts -60 min

Questions- 2 min

Closing and Next Steps- 2 min

Meeting Norms

- Respect everyone
- Start and end on time
- Be present and actively engaged for the entire committee meeting
- Be open and respectful –
All opinions and thoughts on this work are welcome
- Be as much a listener as a sharer

Meeting Objectives



Community of Practice members will learn about approaches Illinois experts and IHEs are taking to incorporating literacy into their curricula.



Community of Practice members review the current resource created by the Steering Team for the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan



Steering Team Update

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Ideas for Illinois Tool

- Keep it simple- focus on showing growth rather than a checklist
- Ask IHEs about what adjustments were made rather than aligning every course and reading
- This tool should be flexible for Illinois and should be able to be applied across various programs
- This tool could be a curriculum matrix which has items from the Illinois Plan and where they were or were not addressed
- The creation of this tool should be prioritizing working toward teaching to make meaning through literacy
- Focus on Purpose
- We want to make sure to include technology- not all reading is in text at this time in our world
- Use of categories such as knowledge or students or knowledge of reading could be helpful
- Focus on what we value and select big categories based on those values

Update on Tool

- Steering Team has collaborated on the drafting of a self-assessment tool for EPPs
- The tool has been reviewed by ISBE Standards and Instruction department.
- The tool is being reviewed by ISBE leadership.



Panel of Experts

Dr. Alexandra Owens

Dr. Samantha Lazich Caesar

Dr. Melissa J. Jones

Dr. Lindsay Meeker

Dr. Dawn Schwarzkopf

Question 1:

What are some innovative and engaging strategies for promoting literacy across different age groups and learning environments?

Question 2:

What are some successful models or frameworks for integrating evidence-based literacy into educator preparation programs that you have seen used elsewhere or at your institution?

Question 3:

How can we ensure a cohesive and aligned approach to literacy instruction across different grade levels or departments?

Question 4:

What are the key elements of successful professional development for IHE faculty and staff to effectively implement the literacy plan?

Question 5:

If you could offer one piece of advice, what would it be?



Available State Resources

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Current ISBE Resources

- **Professional Development Opportunities:**

Current Offerings:

- **Capacity Builders Series:**

- Collaborative learning opportunity for educators and higher education representatives.
- Focused on fostering literacy leadership and aligning efforts with the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

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Questions?



Closing and Next Steps

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What's Next?



Provide feedback on draft rubric via the survey link by:



Continue to promote the use of resources for literacy instruction while reaching out to us with any concerns moving forward

Thank you