



**Illinois State Board of Education**

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Dear Illinois Educator:

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS). On behalf of Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), I encourage you to fill out an application and also nominate your colleagues for participation in test development activities.

**Background Information**

Testing has been required of candidates seeking Illinois teaching, school service personnel, and administrative certificates since 1988. Legislation enacted at that time, Section 21-1a of the School Code of Illinois, established a testing program as part of the state's certification requirements. As a result, the ICTS was implemented. Since then ISBE has periodically reviewed and redeveloped the tests to ensure that they are current and consistent with significant emerging state and national standards.

ISBE works with the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, our test contractor, in conducting test development and administration activities.

**Involvement of Illinois Educators**

ISBE is committed to involving Illinois educators in all aspects of the test development process. This helps us ensure that certified teachers have the knowledge and skills that are important for the job of an educator in Illinois public schools. Therefore, it is critical that we seek the involvement of Illinois public school educators and university faculty who are currently teaching.

**Application and Nomination Process**

Applications are available online. To complete an application, visit the recruitment Web site at <http://www.ilrecruit.nesinc.com>. Upon receipt, your application will be reviewed by Evaluation Systems group of Pearson and will be sent to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for review in regard to open committee spaces. If your qualifications match an opening, you will be sent an e-mail invitation. If all committee spaces are filled, we will keep your application on file for future use. Please take a moment to nominate others by completing a nomination form available at the same Web site.

Educators selected to participate in ICTS test development activities should be aware that they will not be eligible to take the ICTS tests for three years from the date of the conference.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to e-mail the Committee Recruitment Group at Evaluation Systems at [EvaluationSystemsCRG@pearson.com](mailto:EvaluationSystemsCRG@pearson.com).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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