



Illinois Principal Preparation Redesign Timeline 2001-2014

- 2001** Illinois State University Center for the Study of Education Policy received Wallace Foundation grant and established Illinois State Action for Education Leadership Project (IL-SAELP)
- 2005 - August** Commission on School Leader Preparation convened by IBHE
- Comprised of leaders from K-12 schools, colleges and universities, business and professional education organizations, ISBE & IBHE
- 2006 - August** Report presented to IBHE: *School Leader Preparation: A Blueprint for Change*
Included 3 Major Goals:
- Recruit Strategically
 - Focus Preparation Programs
 - Improve Statewide Assessment & Coordination
- 2007 – July** House Joint Resolution 66 –
- Resolved that ISBE, IBHE, and the Office of the Governor shall jointly appoint a task force to recommend a sequence of strategic steps to implement improvements in school leader preparations in Illinois, based on, but not limited to, the measures detailed in *Blueprint for Change*.
- 2007 – Oct.-Jan.** Illinois School Leader Task Force convened:
- Recommended *three primary instruments* for improving leadership
 1. **State Policies** that set high standards for school leadership certification
and align principal preparation, early career development, and distinguish principal recognition with those standards;
 2. **Formal Partnerships** between school districts, institutions of higher education, and other qualified partners to support principal preparation and development;
 3. **Refocused Principal Preparation Programs** committed to developing to rigorously assessing in aspiring principals the capacities that are most likely to improve student learning in PreK-12 schools.
- 2008 – May** Two-day conference sponsored by ISBE and IBHE for the Illinois School Leader Task Force Report - Stakeholders in higher education, professional organizations, and members of the Illinois School Leader Task Force attended to disseminate the Illinois School Leader Task Force Report.
- 2008 - August** Two-day conference for open discussions on the recommendations set forth by the Task Force report and to develop school leader redesign teams.

2008 – September	<p>One-day meeting sponsored by ISBE and IBHE to convene the 5 School Leadership Redesign Teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Leader Redesign Team members consisted of 50 representatives of public and private institutions of Higher Education, the IPA, IFT, IEA, Illinois School Board of Assoc., Regional Offices of Education, ICPEA, IASA, the Illinois School Leader Task Force, and ISBE, and IBHE staff members ▪ 5 School Leader Redesign Teams researched and redrafted recommendations in alignment with the <i>School Leader Team Charges</i>.
2008 – October & November	One- day meeting in October and November sponsored by ISBE and IBHE to convene the 5 School Leadership Redesign Teams. (See September 2008 description above.)
2009 - January	Invited representatives for parents, special education, early childhood education, English Language Learners, from around the State of Illinois, as well as additional ISBE and IBHE staff to attend the 4 th School Leader Redesign Team Meeting.
2009 - February	Brought together participants from the May and August conferences to present Draft recommended changes from School Leader Redesign Teams and Special Interest Representatives.
2009 - March	<p>Leadership to integrate the Learning Continuum released its report, <i>Building a Seamless Learning Continuum, The Role of Leadership in Bridging the Gaps Between Early Childhood and K-12 Education Systems</i>.</p> <p>Recommended that the new principal endorsement span from preK-grade 12</p>
2009 – April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented draft recommended changes to the School Leader Advisory Council - Informed Illinois Board of Higher Education of New Principal Preparation Model - HJR42 directed ISBE and IBHE to prepare legislative recommendations.
2009 – July-Oct.	Eight regional meetings were held by ISBE and IBHE to gather feedback on draft Principal Preparation Model
2009 - September	Presented new draft requirements to Illinois Teacher Certification Board
2009 - October	ISBE and IBHE hold a legislative briefing on the <i>Newly Defined Principal Preparation Program for Illinois</i> for members of the General Assembly
2009 - November	Held one-day statewide conference to discuss next steps in planning principal preparation, as well as the review of the new Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.
2010 - March	One-day conference to provide update on the school leader preparation reform recommendations for Illinois.
2010 – June	Legislation signed into law—PA 096-0903, effective July 1, 2010
2010 – Sept.-Nov.	Rules released for public comment. Advance Illinois, Large Unit District Assoc., IBHE, ISBE, universities, and other stakeholder groups engage legislators in series of meetings to resolve questions about the rules.
2011	ISBE rules passed by Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)
2012 - March	Principal Preparation Review Panel established in rules is convened

2012 - September

By September 1st, institution of higher education or not-for-profit entities may admit new candidates only to principal preparation programs that have been approved under new rules

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By June 1st, all programs for the preparation of principals must be approved under new program rules or cease operating