



# Indiana Department of Education

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Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: K-12 Administrators and Teachers

From: Office of Teaching and Learning

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Subject: Newly Approved Educator Standards for Blended and Online Teaching

The State Board of Education approved the recently revised and updated the Educator Standards for Blended and Online Teaching, formerly Educator Standards for Virtual Instruction. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) recommends use for the following target audiences:

- Schools of Education to design new or refine existing pre-service programs.
- Professional development providers to design new or refine existing professional development opportunities for in-service teachers.
- K-12 administrators to guide teachers in the development of knowledge and skills related to teaching in digital environments.
- K-12 educators to reflect on their practice and identify areas for future professional growth.

Instructors in digital learning environments are expected to have a broad and comprehensive understanding of the knowledge and skills outlined in the Educator Standards for Blended and Online Teaching. Knowledge and skills in these areas will help educators develop high-quality digital learning experiences for their students regardless of the modality. It will also enable them to shift along the digital learning continuum as needed (remote, blended, hybrid, etc.).

These standards inform professional development plans for teachers serving students in various modes of instruction. If you have any questions regarding how to support educators in these environments, please reach out to [Jennifer Watson](#).