# COMPETENCY-BASED



**Deeper Learning Teacher** 

Preparation & Professional Development

Badges (28)













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THE PROBLEM:



THE QUESTION:

Facilitating student-centered, personalized learning requires teachers to develop new skills and competencies. How must teacher preparation and ongoing

Let's face it, new times require new tools and new ways of thinking about teaching and learning.



## THE ANSWER:

competency-based learning environments? Teachers should have access to the personalized, competency-based learning

opportunities that are increasingly being

development evolve to fully enable teacher

success in increasingly blended,



## THE OPPORTUNITY:

acknowledged as essential to student success. As we focus on improving engagement, productivity and efficiency by personalizing learning for students, we can also provide

educators with personalized opportunities that will enable them to continuously learn and

improve their practice.

**□** Groups

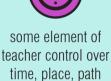
## DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR NEXT-GEN TEACHER PRFPARATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:



opportunities for students, high-quality teacher preparation and ongoing professional learning opportunities should offer: 

Echoing the calls for

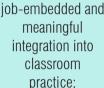
more personalized, deeper learning



and/or pace;



through teacher evaluation efforts, and school and district educational goals; COMPETENCY-BASED DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM





A Competency-Based System for Teachers would include the following:

**□** Destinations

### Articulated by standards bodies Clear and

aligned specialty, incentives, subject, level and progressions and school type

pathways with opportunities to specialize Individual and cohort

models

requirements

Differentiated

**TO LEARN** Online and offline. interactive communities

Free and open

education resources

as well as fee based

learning opportunities

**MULTIPLE WAYS** 

Strong

data systems

Aligned

courses/modules

with multiple

media and

modalities

**COMPETENCY** 

MAP

should know and be able to do

Clear description

of what teachers

Differentiated by

**DEMONSTRATIONS OF COMPETENCE** 

Observations.

interviews and

demonstrations

Peer and/or

expert

review

Automated

assessments

## **□** Experience & Expertise A shift to micro-credentials would give educators a compelling way to capture demonstrations of competency. Within the ecosystem of micro-credentials for educators, there are five

distinct parts to the badge issuer/earner process.

Earner produces and submits artifacts that demonstrate competency and meet the requirements defined by the issuer;

or peers; and

micro-credentials:

GET INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TEACHER PREPARATION:

REGISTRATION FORM

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**□** Leadership

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□ Call to Action

Register

Credentials are awarded and shared.

The submitted artifacts are assessed by experts

Issuer identifies and describes competencies;

Issuer establishes requirements for earning

## Digital Promise is a founding member of the Badge Alliance and working to develop a series of micro-credentials for teachers that will establish a performance-based approach to assessing important

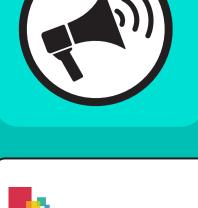
teaching practices. A combination of expert and peer

reviews will ensure rigor and ultimately market worth.

as early adopters of the badging pilot program.

Teachers are encouraged to **VOLUNTEER** and **SIGN-ON** 

# WHAT'S NEXT?



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If we truly are to harness the power that technology brings and seize the moment wrought by new college- and career-ready standards, we must reexamine the methods used to prepare teachers and support the continuous development of teacher competency. A shift to competency-based learning for teachers would ultimately create a new generation of teachers equipped to thrive in learning environments where students engage in the development of Deeper Learning competencies.





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