

Eligibility to Teach Bridge to College Courses

In order to maintain the integrity of the Bridge to College courses and the associated college placement agreement, Bridge to College teachers must annually maintain their eligibility to teach the course. To meet the various schedules and needs of teachers, we offer several professional learning (PL) options. Teachers will receive badges through Canvas to reflect their eligibility.

Bridge to College Math

	Criteria	Eligibility	Badge
New Teachers: 7 days of PL	Complete New Teacher Institute the summer before teaching the course (2 days), and:	Eligible to teach the course the year of the initial training	Provisional Bridge to College Math Teacher: Awarded after New Teacher Institute
	Participate in Communities of Practice (3 days) and Curriculum Workshops (2 days) during first year of teaching the course	Eligible to teach the course the year after the initial training year	Bridge to College Math Teacher: Awarded after one year of teaching and completion of all new teacher professional learning criteria
Returning Teachers: Approximately 1 day of PL	Complete one of these options by September 1 prior to the next school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Returning Teacher Workshop at Summer Institute Participate in CoP the previous school year Complete Virtual Returning Teacher Workshop in Canvas Complete approved college math classroom observation in Canvas 	Eligible to teach for the next school year. Must be completed each year teaching the course	Bridge to College Math Teacher: Renewed after completion of professional learning criteria

Teacher Leadership Opportunities

All of these roles will be coordinated with the Bridge to College Leadership Team (jointly run by SBCTC and OSPI).

Criteria	Badge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate at the Summer Institute, or Lead a Community of Practice, or Facilitate school year Curriculum Workshops 	Bridge to College Math Leader

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I completed the new teacher summer institute in the past, but then did not teach the course, but now I am teaching it for the next school year? Am I a new or a returning teacher?

Only teachers who have taught the course and participated in all the associated professional learning (new teacher institute, CoPs, curriculum workshops) are considered Returning Teachers. You are still a New Teacher and will need to complete all the required professional learning associated with a New Teacher to be badged a Bridge to College Teacher. You may choose the online Virtual New Teacher Institute.

What happens if a new teacher can NOT attend the in-person New Teacher Institute?

There is a Virtual New Teacher Institute. In mid-August any new teacher registered to teach the course in iGrants not attending the in-person New Teacher Institute will be sent the information about the virtual institute and are required to complete it by September 15.

Are there online options for the school year new teacher professional learning requirements?

New teachers may opt to participate in a virtual CoP that meets once a month after school, as opposed to the three school days option. Teachers must decide to either do in-person OR virtual for the year – not a combination of the two. The Community of Practice is designed to be a group of teachers that reflect and collaborate throughout the year, so a teacher can't replace a missed in-person meeting with a virtual one.

All curriculum workshops are face-to-face, so new teachers will have to find a way to attend these meetings. They are welcome to attend whichever date/location is most convenient for them.

What happens when a new teacher misses a day of school year professional learning?

New teachers may miss one day (either a CoP meeting or a curriculum workshop) of school year professional learning. If they miss more than one day they will not be badged as a **Bridge to College Teacher** for the next school year, but rather still be considered a new teacher.

What happens if a teacher has taught Bridge to College Math in the past, but not last year, and is now teaching it again?

If it has only been one year since they taught the course they should complete the requirements of a returning teacher by September 1st in order to be eligible to teach it for the next year.

If it has been more than one year since the teacher taught the course they are considered a new teacher again and need to participate in the professional learning requirements as outlined.