



## Empower Teacher Growth. Improve Student Achievement.

Educators earn credentials at the beginning of their careers, but they learn new skills every day. While they are recognized for the time they spend in formal professional development settings, educators often don't have the opportunity to demonstrate the full breadth of what they have learned, including in informal contexts. Furthermore, there are limited pathways for them to receive recognition for their professional learning and growth or to share learning with their peers.

To empower educator growth and success, BloomBoard and Digital Promise have teamed up to create a competency-based professional development platform where educators can earn micro-credentials, in the form of digital badges, representing their individual skills. The new micro-credentials platform gives educators the opportunity to be recognized for the skills and competencies they've learned, and will continue to learn, in a variety of settings.

Currently, the platform offers more than 120 options for micro-credentials from over a dozen partners. Educators can earn these digital badges across a growing set of competencies—from teacher leadership to data literacy and STEM.

# Micro-credentials empower educators in deep and meaningful ways:

## Improve practice

Competency-based approaches to learning have been proven to have a greater impact on knowledge retention and performance than traditional approaches.

## Showcase competencies in their craft

By demonstrating proficiency in specific competencies in an evidence-based, targeted, and meaningful way, educators can showcase the skills and competencies they have developed.

## Receive the recognition they deserve

Microcredentials can spark conversations about mentorship roles and even advances in career ladders or pay scales. Increasingly, micro-credentials are being accepted towards the acquisition of formal professional development credits.

## Build a portable portfolio

More than just a piece of paper, micro-credentials create a robust portfolio of educator growth and achievement throughout one's career. They can be shared anywhere, building identity and reputation within learning communities.

## Spend more time with students and collaborating with peers

In addition to receiving credit for the time they spend engaging in traditional trainings and seminars, educators can demonstrate skills and competencies and earn credentials for work they're already doing with students in the classroom.

## Accommodate a busy schedule

The artifacts educators provide as evidence towards earning a specific micro-credential can be gathered from the work they're already doing, providing flexibility in where they learn and how they demonstrate learning. Educators can seek and demonstrate professional growth anytime, anywhere.

**To learn more about our competency-based professional development platform, visit [schools.bloomboard.com](https://schools.bloomboard.com).**