Open Educational Resources (OER)

Open Educational Resources (OER) are freely accessible, openly licensed materials used for teaching, learning, and assessment purposes. OER can be used without cost and can be modified and redistributed without violating copyright laws.

To ensure that all students graduate college and career ready, educators need access to high-quality instructional resources that suit the needs of their classrooms and are available in digital and online formats, including OER.

As states and districts transition to higher standards and better assessments, many resources currently used in classrooms may quickly become out of date and fail to meet the needs of teachers. Teachers need instructional resources that are high quality, are aligned to standards and meet the needs of a 21st-century classroom. This includes a variety of resources, including OER, that allow teachers to freely share high-quality resources that can be adapted and revised.

The Illinois Open Educational Resources (IOER) offers open access to curate, share and create OER:

- Search for open educational and career development resources.
- Add existing online resources or upload files.
- Create new resources and learning lists that are ideal for small lessons or full curricula.
- Curate and share resources in libraries.
- Select a Creative Commons copyright license that permits sharing or re-mixing of educational content.
- Align resources to any of the Illinois K-12 standards, including CCSS and NGSS, and national standards.
- Evaluate resources using an online Achieve OER Rubric.
- Share the IOER search, libraries and learning lists with widgets making access from any website seamless.

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