

Executive Summary

The Illinois Course Access Program (I-CAP) prioritizes access for students who attend public and nonpublic schools in Illinois and reside in the areas of the state hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. I-CAP offers courses designed in response to parent and student interest and provides parents and students a voice in informing future courses.

A Parent Liaison will convene a Parent Advisory Council to ensure parents are given a central role in the provision of guidance and feedback. The council membership will reflect the diverse cultural and linguistic landscape of Illinois to support parent and student awareness of and access to offerings.

Parents and students will use the Course Opportunity and Access Tool to provide feedback and guidance for course selection. This tool will use business analytics software to create a customized course list for students. The interoperability design of the program provides seamless movement of data between systems utilized by course vendors, schools, state data collection systems, parents, and students. This interoperability feature further expands student agency by allowing them to choose courses based on need and interest without being limited by incompatibilities or incongruency between systems.