

# Reinventing Computer Literacy

## *IC<sup>3</sup> and ICDL Paths to Certification*



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# Emerging Beliefs



- Computer skills are integral to all areas of study and work
- Ability to use a computer is on par with reading and writing skills
- 3 Rs to 3 Cs
  - Communicating, Calculating, and Computing
- Educators pushing greater computer literacy
- Exposure does not translate to understanding

# Need for Universal Standards

- Computer Education
  - Some basic computer courses
  - Often diffused into other courses
- Schools must be accountable
- No universally accepted measurement
- States, districts, schools, and organizations create own standards and measurement processes
- Some educators are fearful of adopting technology in the classroom



# Deliver a Global Standard



- Portable credential for students and teachers
- Levels of computer competence established and accepted
- Avoid confusion caused by multiple measurement criteria
- Deliver verifiable results
- Maintain universal availability
- Tie to basic computing course curriculum

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Computer Literacy and Certification



- **IC<sup>3</sup>** and **ICDL** redefine Computer Literacy
- **IC<sup>3</sup>** and **ICDL** are valid paths

# ISTE says,



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## ICDL US: The International Computer Driving License

Now in use in more than 90 countries worldwide, the ICDL program has become the global standard for measuring fundamental computer competency for those who use a computer regularly as part of their work, school and/or home lives.

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# Resources



<http://www.certiport.com/IC3>

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<http://www.icdlus.com>

<http://www.ecdl.com>



# Articles from “*T.H.E. Journal*”

## IC<sup>3</sup> Articles

<http://www.thejournal.com/magazine/vault/A3850.cfm>

<http://www.thejournal.com/magazine/vault/A4390.cfm>

## ICDL Article

<http://www.thejournal.com/magazine/vault/A4117.cfm>



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