

STEM Alliance – IBM Competition: Integrating IBM SkillsBuild for Students Frequently Asked Questions

1. I WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION, WHERE CAN I FIND SUPPORT?

All relevant information and materials regarding the “STEM Alliance – IBM Competition: Integrating IBM SkillsBuild for Students” can be found at the following links:

- [IBM SkillsBuild Competition 2022 | Stem Alliance](#)
- [SDC22 - Competitions - Scientix](#)
- [Terms and conditions](#)

2. CAN TEACHERS OUTSIDE EU PARTICIPATE?

The competition is open for all teachers working in countries of the European Union and associated to the European Union, with a legal residence in one of these.

Specifically, the eligible countries are: *Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Republic of North Macedonia, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the UK.*

3. IS JOINING THE IBM SKILLSBUILD PLATFORM FREE?

Yes. The IBM SkillsBuild, Students, Educators and Job Seekers, platforms and all content contained, including the digital certifications, are free to access and use. There are no restrictions to the number of students or teachers you can have learning on this platform, or the quantity of learning any individual can do.

4. CAN WE TAKE PART TO THE COMPETITION IF WE ARE PRIMARY OR PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS?

The competition is open to all teachers regardless of the level they teach in, however the content on the IBM SkillsBuild platform is most suitable for learners that are 14 years old or

older. Please review the content on the IBM SkillsBuild platform (<https://skillsbuild.org/>) to inform your decision on its suitability to your students.

5. HOW LONG SHOULD MY LESSON PLAN BE?

We recommend no more than 2 didactical hours. One didactical hour is usually 45-60 minutes of lesson time, so we recommend that your lesson plan does not take longer than 120 minutes to implement.

6. SHOULD I IMPLEMENT THE LESSON PLAN ONLINE OR FACE-TO-FACE?

Lesson Plans can be developed for didactical units both taking place online and face-to-face. You can also combine both, for example, with a flipped-classroom approach.

7. I AM CONCERNED WITH MY STUDENTS' PRIVACY WHILE USING THE PLATFORM. DOES THE IBM SKILLSBUILD PLATFORM COMPLY WITH GDPR?






IBM SkillsBuild complies with the European privacy standards, i.e., with the EU Regulation on Data Protection (GDPR) which came into force on 25 May 2018.

If you are still concerned, you can ask your students to register using pseudonyms or you could assign them with these (e.g., "student1", "student2", ...).

8. TO BE ABLE TO JOIN AS TEACHER WITH MY CLASS SHOULD I USE MY INSTITUTION ACCOUNT?

You can use any type of account, as detailed below. If using a school/organisation email (or account type not listed below) please choose the option to create a custom ID using that email.

Hi there! How would you like to sign up for IBM SkillsBuild for Students?

	Use my Google account
	Use my Facebook account
	Use my LinkedIn account
	Use my IBM ID account
	Use my Custom ID account

Don't have an account with any of the above? You can create a Custom ID to sign up for IBM SkillsBuild for Students.

[Create your Custom ID →](#)

9. HOW CAN I BEST INTEGRATE A BADGE OR A MODULE IN A LESSON PLAN?

Every class is different so you will know best your students' interests, attention, and capabilities, the platform is designed to be flexible supporting in-class, online, and self-learning. IBM recommends face-to-face integration with 50% of lesson time taken doing whole class learning and 50% individually using the SkillsBuild platform to enhance the learning undertaken in the first half of the lesson.

10. WHICH KIND OF BADGE WOULD YOU RECOMMEND INCLUDING IN THE LESSON PLAN?

We recommend any course, contributing towards a badge, from one of the following three modules:

- [Digital Technology](#)
- [Mindfulness](#)
- [Professional Skills](#)