

Frequently Asked Questions

15 hours of Required Professional Development

Is there a criteria sheet for the PD that fits the required description for superintendents and principals?

The OSS has not compiled a list of required professional development opportunities or criteria as we want principals and superintendents to have the flexibility to attend trainings that meet the needs of their students. Professional development can come from a variety of resources including OSDE, CCOSA, OSSBA, OASCD, conferences, summits/institutes or any outside educational service brought in for all staff regarding RtI, PLC, PBIS, etc. Again, truly it is up to the instructional leader to decide what to attend based on the needs of the site and students.

Do the webinars you offer in the School Support newsletter or by the OSDE count toward the fifteen professional development hours?

Yes, webinars and trainings provided by the OSDE do fulfill the Professional Development requirement.

Are there any specific requirements, or just tie all PD to our needs?

The required professional development is designed to give educational leaders the flexibility to attend trainings that truly meet the needs of their students. We do not have any specific sessions or trainings that are mandated at this time.

For schools with a designation for 3+ years, do both the Principal AND the Superintendent need to attend professional development?

Yes, both instructional leaders are required to attend 15 hours of Professional Development. However, they do not need to attend the same PD.

Can a Principal or Superintendent send someone in their place?

The ESEA Flexibility Waiver does not give any flexibility allowing the instructional leader to send a designee.

To whom do we submit the documentation of the 15 hours of PD to?

For schools with a Priority Designation, please send the document to your regional School Support Specialist. For schools with a Focus Designation, please send the document to Janel Cypert, School Support Specialists for Focus Designations. However, your RAO may also ask questions or ask to see the document.