

PD Planner™

A powerful tool to manage and track district-wide professional development

Research shows that the quality of classroom educators is the single biggest driver of student learning — accounting for 40% of the difference in student achievement. Schoolnet's PD Planner™ empowers districts to effectively respond to that achievement driver by creating a data-driven professional development (PD) environment focused on teacher quality.

PD Planner is a scalable solution that manages and tracks all aspects of district PD programs, and aligns individualized plans with school and district goals. Moreover, PD Planner ensures return on investment with real-time management tools that demonstrate whether district PD initiatives are building skills and creating lasting change.

With PD Planner, districts can easily manage an online catalog for all PD activities, enrollment, notifications, district- and site-based PD reporting, and external PD approvals. Districts can use PD Planner to manage professional development proposals and approval workflow. PD Planner can also connect to HR or ERP information sources to manage various data (i.e., positions, employment information, and state certifications).

PD Planner generates compliance reports for recertification, highly qualified educator requirements, and much more. PD Planner even allows districts to support new teacher induction/mentoring programs — creating an end-to-end professional development solution that supports district needs. (over)



Key Features and Benefits

Administrators can:

- Approach professional development strategically through the creation of PD initiatives and activities with eligibility based on prerequisites, certification, subjects taught, and more
- Measure PD effectiveness through ongoing course and instructor evaluations
- Manage mentoring relationships; track and report on mentor and coach interactions
- Save time and reduce paperwork through online course approval, scheduling, registration, attendance, and credit-granting
- Configure system settings and fields to meet unique needs
- Manage PD plan workflow and reporting
- Receive automatic updates from HR systems
- Track attendance, activity completion, certification credits and activity costs

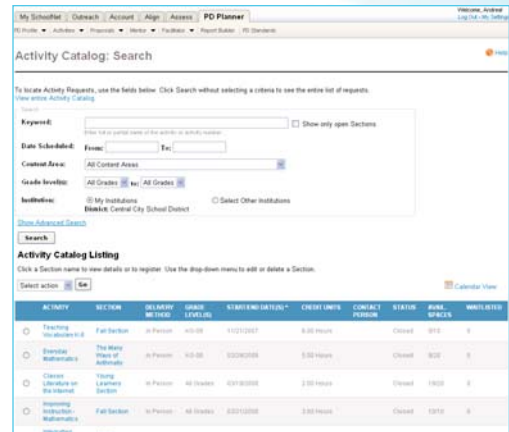
Educators can:

- Customize individual PD plans aligned to district goals and professional development standards
- Review transcripts at any time and print certificates of completion
- Track teaching certifications and receive certificate expiration email reminders
- Search the activity catalog and register for PD activities online

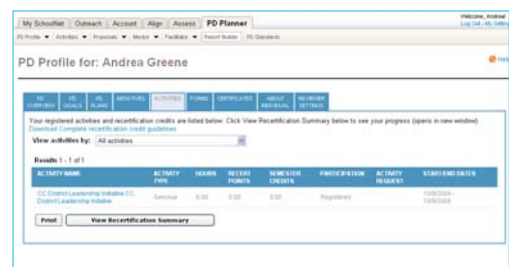
Technical Specifications

Schoolnet's Web-enabled, zero footprint applications are designed to industry standards:

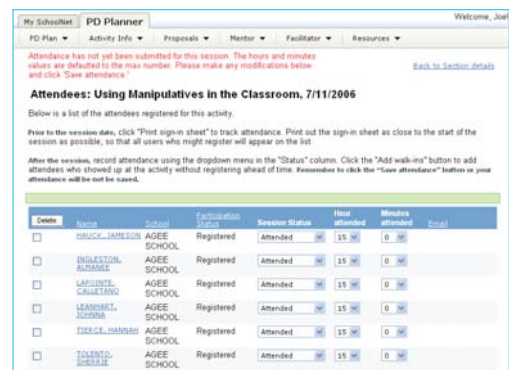
- Open and interoperable
- Microsoft® .Net Framework
- Microsoft® Internet Explorer 6.0 and higher, Apple Safari 1.3 and higher, or Mozilla Firefox 1.0 and higher
- Microsoft® SQL Server 2005



The Activity Catalog enables district staff to search the catalog and register for courses online.



The Activities Summary enables educators to keep track of all their PD activities and to view and print their certifications.



Professional development staff use Session Attendance to monitor and manage attendance and credits, as well as print sign-in sheets.