



Professional Development Management

Schoolnet PD Planner™

A powerful tool to manage and track professional development across the district

Schoolnet's PD Planner enables districts to closely manage all aspects of professional development (PD). PD Planner empowers administrators with the data needed to drive key decision making around PD resource allocation and PD effectiveness as it relates to teacher quality and student achievement.

With PD Planner, districts can easily create and manage an online catalog of all PD activities across the district from a single web-based interface. PD Planner provides tools to manage PD activity scheduling, facilitation, enrollment, notifications and approvals for external PD credits, including those from online Learning Management Systems. Districts can use the robust set of reporting tools to support analysis of the district's overall PD, as well as to facilitate state reporting.

In addition, PD Planner enables districts to support new teacher induction programs, as well as provide a mechanism to create, track and manage mentor/mentee relationships and interactions. Each user is able to create and manage their own standards-based personal goals, including established goals and targets set by the district. 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.



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 activity and instructor evaluations
- Manage mentoring relationships; track and report on mentor and coach interactions
- Save time and reduce paperwork through online activity approval, scheduling, registration, attendance and credit-granting
- Configure system settings and fields to meet unique needs
- Manage PD plan creation, approval workflow and reporting
- Receive automatic updates from HR systems to ensure data consistency and accuracy
- Track attendance, activity completion, certification credits and activity costs related to PD

Educators can:

- Customize individual PD plans that are aligned to district goals and professional development standards
- Review transcripts at any time and print certificates of completion
- Search the activity catalog and register for PD activities online
- Connect with HR and ERP information sources to synchronize data – including positions, employment information and state certification

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

Services

Schoolnet offers:

- Comprehensive services– from needs assessment and implementation to training and user workshops – to drive adoption and usage district-wide



The Activity Catalog provides a centralized location for the management of all district professional development activities available to teachers and administrators – to identify relevant PD activities and efficiently register for courses online.



Within the PD Profile each user is able to set PD goals, track certifications, print course completion certificates and keep track of all PD activities.



PD facilitators are provided with a variety of tools to streamline the facilitation process – including printable sign-in sheets, end-of-course online surveys and tools to track participant attendance and award PD credits.