

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Program Overview



PRINCIPLE

Only proven, standards-based and scientific research-based professional development warrants the investment of the scarce time and money available to school districts and its educators

PURPOSE

To increase student achievement:

- Support and provide the continuing education and professional development of educators: teachers, principals, administrators and parents (children's first teachers)
- Build and maintain highly qualified educators – scientific practitioners – who affect high levels of PreK-12 student learning

To ensure that professional development within the district:

- Adheres to scientifically based research that applies to teaching and learning
- Aligns with the National Staff Development Council's Standards of Staff Development
- Aligns with district, state and federal guidelines

PROCESS

The Academy will:

- Serve as a clearinghouse (screen and coordinate) for all professional development within the district
- Provide a continuum of professional development that includes university coursework, training with extensive follow-up, hands-on learning, and coaching designed to support the growth of knowledge, skills and dispositions of leadership, teachers and parents
- Assess/monitor all professional development within the district
- Evaluate all professional development within the district on its impact on student achievement
- Assist in preparation, evaluation and revision of the district Professional Development Plan

PAYOFF

- Increased student achievement for all students
- Increased, sustainable system capacity
- A more united system

PARTNERS

- School Districts
- Center for Development and Learning (CDL)
- Area universities
- Other community organizations



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