

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff members have opportunities to learn both from outside sources and from each other. These opportunities may include, but are not limited to:

1. Visits to other classrooms and other schools
2. Attendance at professional education conferences or committee meetings
3. Participation in professional development networks that promote inquiry and allow staff to analyze and evaluate each other's work
4. Peer conferences and/or joint staff preparation time
5. Discussions and/or internships with business and community agencies for the purpose of identifying the skills, knowledge, and aptitudes necessary for specific career paths and developing meaningful career-related, work-based learning experiences

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

6. Travel, study, and research in subject-matter content and effective educational practices

(cf. 4161.3 - Professional Leaves)

7. Classes/workshops offered by the district, county office of education, state projects, private organizations, or other appropriate agencies
8. Courses in institutions of higher education
9. Follow-up activities that help staff to implement newly acquired skills

The Superintendent or designee shall approve the participation of individual staff members in district-provided or external staff development activities which may require release time, leave of absence, or other district resources.