

Pandora-Gilboa Local Professional Development Committee

Possible Professional Development Goals

1. Demonstrate understanding and use of *educational theory and/or philosophy*.
2. Become familiar with *community resources* in order to use them in the classroom.
3. Develop strategies to improve the *learning environment* for all students.
4. Become familiar with and increase *technology in the classroom*.
5. Expand ways of working with *special needs students*.
6. Acquire knowledge and appreciation of *various cultures* and the ability to establish rapport with a diverse population of students and parents.
7. Meet the needs of a *diverse population*.
8. Gain knowledge of where and how to get needed information and how to educate students to seek and evaluate information.
9. Increase understanding of *age appropriate and development characteristics of students*.
10. Acquire ability to recognize and respond to *individual differences in students*.
11. Learn how to implement a variety of *teaching methods* that result in high student achievement.
12. Develop strategies to *manage groups of people*.
13. Obtain skills of *working with parents, colleagues, support staff, and supervisors*.
14. Learn to apply ways of developing *positive self-concepts in students*.
15. Develop new *instructional techniques*.
16. Implement ways to *promote positive student behavior*.
17. Develop *interdisciplinary curriculum units*.
18. Learn and apply new ways of *evaluating student performance* as tied to instruction.
19. Devise new ways of understanding *cultural diversity* among students, faculty and the community.
20. Implement *classroom inclusion techniques*.
21. Explore various ways to develop *critical thinking skills* with students.
22. Increase knowledge base in areas related to your *professional responsibility*.
23. Keep up to date with *district, state and federal educational policies and/or laws*.
24. Develop original, documented and evaluated *district, school, or classroom based research*.
25. Develop awareness of what students will need to know in the future and helping students to *anticipate the future*.
26. Seek and utilize feedback from students to *reflect on teaching* and incorporate into teaching strategies.
27. Enhance and develop skills in your particular *content area*.
28. Learn and apply new *administrative and managerial skills*.