

## 4242 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT

**[Drafting Note: The Florida School Community Professional Learning Act (F.S. 1012.98) primarily focuses on professional learning requirements and activities for instructional personnel and school administrators. Thus, while "professional learning" is referenced in Policy 4242, the requirements in Policy 4242 differ from Policy 1242 and Policy 3242.]**

### Professional Learning System

The School Board believes that training is a prerequisite for the continued growth of staff and, therefore, pursuant to State law, requires support staff members to participate in in-service and other training programs.

~~By July 1st of each year and prior to the release of funds for instructional materials, pursuant to statutory requirements, the Board shall approve a comprehensive staff development plan that requires fidelity of implementation of instructional materials that are in the first two (2) years of the adoption cycle. Annually by August 1, the Superintendent shall certify to the Commissioner of Education that the Board has approved a comprehensive staff development plan that supports fidelity of implementation of instructional materials programs, including verification that training was provided, that the materials are being implemented as designed, and that core reading materials and reading intervention materials used in kindergarten through grade 5 meet the requirements of F.S. 1001.215.~~

The staff development plan shall provide for training for each staff member who will use these materials in their assignment, and require documentation of satisfactory completion of the training by each staff member.

In addition to requiring training about the fidelity of instructional materials for those support staff who may use them, incorporating school improvement plans, and aligning with principal leadership training, the District's staff development plan shall require necessary and appropriate training for the various classifications of support staff, including, but not limited to, job-specific skills training, training related to the *School Safety and Security Plan*, and any other training required by State or Federal law.

### Professional Learning Catalog

#### A. Components

As part of its coordinated system of professional learning, the District will establish a Professional Learning Catalog (catalog) that outlines all professional learning opportunities, referred to as components, for all District employees from all funding sources. For each component, the catalog will include the following:

1. a title;
2. an identifying number assigned in accordance with ~~the FLDOE~~ ~~the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)~~ Information Database Requirements: Volume II – Automated Staff Information System pursuant to F.S. 1008.385 and F.A.C. 6A-1.0014;
3. the maximum number of in-service points to be awarded for successful completion of the component, assigned in accordance with the specifications outlined in F.A.C. 6A-5.071;
4. a description of the specific objectives and activities to be completed; and,
5. the component evaluation criteria for determining the effectiveness of professional learning in:
  - a. addressing the specific objectives;
  - b. increasing employee knowledge and skills;
  - c. changing employee dispositions or practice in the educational setting; and,
  - d. improving student outcomes.

For each component for which in-service points will be awarded, the catalog will also include a description of any follow-up activities that will be required and support that will be provided to allow for successful completion of the component.

**B. Review, Amendment, and Submission**

Annually, the District shall conduct a review of the previous year's catalog program operations that results in a determination of its effectiveness in the educational setting as measured by changes in educator practice and student outcomes, and use this information to make decisions about which components to continue, modify, or eliminate.

Based on the results of the review, and by September 1st, annually, the catalog will be updated and approved by the Board.

By October 1st of each year, the District will submit a letter to the Commissioner of Education verifying that the Board has approved the District's catalog and that it meets the criteria set forth in F.A.C. 6A-5.071. Any components of the District's catalog developed or modified after the annual approval of the catalog will be approved as an amendment by the Board.

**C. Record Maintenance and Data Reporting**

The following information will be maintained for each component:

1. dates the component was delivered;
2. names of component leaders;
3. names of participants and performance records;
4. evaluation of the component; and,
5. criteria for successful completion.

The following information will be maintained for each component participant:

1. title and number of the component;
2. Dates of participation;
3. Satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion; and,
4. number of in-service points to be awarded, eligibility of the points to be used for certification, and expiration date of the educator's certificate(s), if applicable. All requirements for renewal of a professional certificate on the basis of completion of in-service points pursuant to F.S. 1012.585 and F.A.C. 6A-4.0051 shall be met.

The District will report data information for all approved professional learning components through FLDOE's automated data reporting procedures.