

Summer Professional Development

Each summer, teachers and administrators have the opportunity to participate in professional development, which is an in-service training used to improve teaching and learning in the educational profession. Many other professions are required to have a specific number of hours of professional development in order to retain their licenses, and teachers are required to do the same. Teachers must obtain 100 to 200 points/hours of professional development depending on their license level. Professional development courses allow for teachers to receive training on new programs and best teaching strategies, which improves student academic outcomes. Teachers at Kane School District have the opportunity to participate in four professional development days during the summer. This year, teachers worked collaboratively for three days on curriculum alignments in scope, sequence and common assessments. Scope is a review of essential standards to identify what should be taught; sequence is an alignment of what is taught to a timeframe to complete the instruction. Common assessments are created by our local teachers to ensure the students have learned the essential standards and provide interventions for students who may have struggled to acquire the needed learning skills. This summer all teachers at Kane District have worked together in specific grades and departments to create the scope, sequence and common assessment for their respective areas. Parents and students will have access to the newly created curriculum maps on the district web page, which will allow for a pacing guide of the essential learning concepts. In addition to the three days of curriculum alignment, teachers will have one day to select from these topics: Chromebooks and instructional strategies, Special Education law conference, and DIBELS (K-6 reading) pathways of progress. We would like to thank the teachers and administrators for their time and efforts to align district curriculums to help students in their academic progress.

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