

**PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

The Plainfield Board of Education encourages its teachers and administrators to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the teaching-learning process, their understanding of students, and their perception of themselves and their colleagues as effective professionals. To this end, the Plainfield Board of Education is committed to the support of a planned, ongoing, and systematic professional development plan designed to improve the skills, knowledge and abilities needed by educational personnel to meet their professional responsibilities.

The ultimate goal of the professional development plan is to improve student learning and to advance student achievement toward goals established by the Board of Education.

In order to assist district educators to improve their effectiveness with students, the Board of Education will, to the extent possible, support a planned professional development program for all certified by providing funds and making time available for planning and implementing the program. In addition, the Superintendent is directed to appoint a coordinator for professional development. The Superintendent is also directed to report annually to the Board of Education on the professional development program and its effect with recommendations for changes as needed.

This commitment to professional development on the part of the school district is a commitment to the affirmation of learning as a lifelong process which contributes to the well-being of the individual, the school system, and the community.

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