

**PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

The Plainfield Board of Education encourages teachers, educators, administrators, and all personnel 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 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 professional development program for all staff by providing funds and making time available for planning and implementing the program. The Superintendent will 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.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-27](#) Exchange of professional personnel and students.

[10-220a](#) In-service training. (amended by PA 04-227, PA 08-160, June 19 Special Session, Public Act 09-1 and PA 10-91 and PA 12-116, An Act Concerning Educational Reform, PA 13-145, An Act Concerning Revision to the Education Reform Act of 2012 and PA 15-215, An Act Concerning Various Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes).

[10-153b](#) Selection of teachers' representatives.

[10-226f](#) Coordinator of intergroup relations.

[10-226g](#) Intergroup relations training for teachers.

[10-145b](#) Teaching certificates (as amended by PA 01-173).

[10-151\(b\)](#) Employment of teachers. Definitions. Tenure, etc. (as amended by P.A. 12-116, An Act Concerning Educational Reform).

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