Completing the Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP)

Why Must We Have Individual Professional Development Plans?

It’s required by law.

Florida Statute 1012.98 (4)(b)(5) School Community Professional Development Act requires each school principal to establish and maintain an individual professional development plan for each instructional employee assigned to the school.

When Must the Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) be Completed?

- The IPDP is to be completed by the teacher and submitted to the principal for review within the first 30 days of employment of each school year at the work location.
- The principal approves the initial IPDP; it can be revised during the school year as needed.
- The revisions must be mutually agreed upon by the instructional professional and the principal.
What are the Required Components of the IPDP?

- **Student Performance Data** (specific performance data for the students that are currently assigned to the teacher)
- **Individual Learning Goals** (What do you expect to learn from participation in professional development activities this school year that will impact student performance?)
- **Professional Development Activities** (specify professional learning activities that you will be participating in during the year; e.g., PD, learning community, book study, etc.)
- **Performance Outcome** (This is the impact of the professional learning on the performance of your students) (To be completed at the end of the year)

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- What performance gaps or weaknesses do I see?
- Which skills do I, as the students' teacher, need to gain or strengthen to meet the students' needs?
- What improvements do I expect as a result of the professional development in which I will participate? How will I measure that improvement?

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What Student Performance Data Should be Included?

- **Student Performance Data should include specific performance data for the students that are currently assigned to the teacher**
  - Disaggregated classroom-level student achievement data (e.g., Interim Baseline data, FAIR, etc.)
  - Data from School Improvement Plan (FCAT, FAIR, SAT, etc.)
  - IPEGS Summative Performance Evaluation (Standards from previous year)
How Do I Determine Measurable Improvements?

- The teacher must ask the question: What type of results can I expect from the assessment tools that will be administered to the students to identify their learning gains?
  - Summarize the students’ current data
  - Determine the measurable improvements that are expected for the current school year
  - Record the findings on the IPDP under Individual Learning Goal

What is an Example of a Measurable Improvement Goal?

Targeted student group: 3rd Grade
Expected 10% or ____ point(s) improvement on Spring Reading Interim (data source: test name, subject and date). Must be completed by May 3, 2013

What Other Factors Should be Considered?

Remember that student achievement is linked to teacher effectiveness and teachers should:
- Look at the prior data of their students to see if there are any areas or skills in which these students tend to be low. If so, the teacher should consider targeting those skills or areas in which the students are weak (for example, dividing fractions, or subject-verb agreement)
- Use data from their previous year’s IPEGS Summative Evaluation (Are there any standards in which they did not receive the rating that they wanted to achieve?)
- (New Teachers) look at their FEAPS self-assessment to identify areas of classroom practice or IPEGS standards to target
- Prioritize one or two areas as a focus for the professional development- Remember it’s about you!
What are Examples of Professional Development?

Professional Development Activities may include any of the following:
- Workshop(s) /seminar(s)
- On-line courses
- Professional Learning Communities
- Lesson Study
- Action Research
- Book Study
- College courses

What is the Focus of the Professional Development?

In this section, the teacher identifies any of the following that is anticipated to be addressed in the training:
- Common Core Standards
- Teaching Methodology
- Technology
- Assessment and Data Analysis
- Classroom Management
- Parental Involvement
- School Safety
- IPEGS Standards: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

What is the Performance Outcome?

In this section, the teacher records the effectiveness of the professional development that they participated in by answering the following questions:
- What changes in your professional practice occurred as a result of your participation in professional development activities this school year?
- What was the impact of these changes on your students’ achievement? (student growth)

Remember these questions are answered at the end of the year.
What Do We Do with the IPDP After It Has Been Developed?

☐ A copy of each teacher’s IPDP must be approved by the principal and retained in the teacher’s personnel file (The IPDP can be revised and updated during the year as needed)

Is the IPDP Part of IPEGS?

☐ NO
☐ The IPDP has no official weight in IPEGS and does not count toward the final Unified Summative Rating

Sample IPDP
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