PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Layering self-improvement and technological mastery makes for a memorable side-dish that teachers will rave about.

Ingredients

1 DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT SERVES AS A COMMUNICATION HUB  •  1 BOLD TEACHER EAGER TO LEARN A BUSHEL OF SUPPORT EXPERTS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING STUDENT TEACHER OUTCOMES

Directions

1. **Determine your goals** for your professional development initiatives on technology use. Identify your district requirements, knowledge gaps, and what subjects you want to focus on.

2. **Survey students for their input.** Get a sense of expectations and which areas of your improvement will help foster their own learning achievements.

3. **Do your research before investing in tech** to be sure you’re partnering with providers who offer in-person training and 24-7 online support. Work with your tech support team to develop a personalized instructional program designed to fit your specific needs.

4. **Don’t try to learn too much at once.** Overloading yourself with too much information will ensure quick burnout. Pace yourself by starting with simple functionality and working your way up to more advanced features.

5. **Establish a professional development hub** that provides a variety of tools for collaboration, like discussion boards and conference capability, and that also lets you easily store and share digital resources for sharing or for your own reference.

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