

# Professional Development Regulations

## 91-1-215. In-service education definitions.

- (a) “Content endorsement standards” means those standards adopted by the state board that define the skills and knowledge required for the specific content endorsements prescribed in K.A.R. 91-1-202.
- (b) “Educational agency” means a public school district, accredited nonpublic school, area professional development center, institution of postsecondary education authorized to award academic degrees, the Kansas state department of education, and any other organization that serves school districts.
- (c) “In-service education” means professional development and staff development and shall include any planned learning opportunities provided to licensed personnel employed by a school district or other authorized educational agency for purposes of improving the performance of these personnel in already held or assigned positions.
- (d) “In-service education plan” and “plan” mean a detailed program for provision of professional or staff development, or both.
- (e) “Noncontractual times” means periods of time during which an employee is not under a contractual obligation to perform services.
- (f) “Professional development” means continuous learning that is based on individual needs and meets both of the following criteria:
- (1) The learning prepares a person for access to practice, maintains the person’s access to practice, builds an individual’s knowledge or skills, or is requested by the employing educational agency.
  - (2) The learning positively impacts the individual or the individual’s students, school or school district.
- (g) “Professional development council” and “PDC” mean a representative group of licensed personnel from an educational agency that advises the governing body of the educational agency in matters concerning the planning, development, implementation, and operation of the educational agency’s in-service education plan.
- (h) “Professional development plan” means a written document describing the in-service education activities to be completed during a specified period of time by the individual filing the plan.
- (i) “Professional development point” means one clock-hour of in-service education. One semester hour of college credit shall count as 20 professional development points.
- (j) “Professional education standards” means those standards adopted by the state board that specify the knowledge, competencies, and skills necessary to perform in a particular role or position.
- (k) “Service to the profession” means any activity that assists others in acquiring proficiency in instructional systems, pedagogy, or content, or that directly relates to licensure of professional educators, accreditation processes, or professional organizations.
- (l) “Staff development” means continuous learning offered to groups of professionals that develops the skills of those professionals to meet common goals, or the goals of a school or school district.
- (m) “State board” means the state board of education. This regulation shall be effective on and after July 1, 2003. (Authorized by and implementing Article 6, Section 2(a) of the Kansas Constitution; effective July 1, 2003.)