



USD 401-Chase-Raymond PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HANDBOOK 2016-2020

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History of the Professional Development Council Plan and How it Applies to You:

In April 1985, the Kansas Legislature appropriated monies for districts with an approved inservice plan. The local Professional Development Council (PDC) was established to plan, implement, and monitor the staff development activities for Chase/Raymond USD 401. The PDC also governs the credit that the staff earned toward recertification and awards remuneration points for work completed outside the contract day.

Chase/Raymond School District is in compliance with the State guidelines, a subcommittee of the current PDC was formed to rewrite the plan, and to develop the structure and process for operation. Members of the subcommittee has been through training for implementation of the guidelines, has reviewed needs survey data, student performance data, reviewed various school improvement plans, and analyzed teacher surveys in order to recommend changes or revisions to the current district plan.

Several terms are defined to help in understanding the purpose of professional learning and in providing a rationale for individuals to participate in the program.

Professional development - Continuous learning that is based on individual needs and meets both of the following criteria: 1) It prepares a person for access to practice, maintains the person's access to practice, builds an individual's knowledge and skills or is requested by the employing educational agency. 2) It positively impacts the individual or the individual's students, school, or district.

Inservice - Activities engaged in by school staff members to increase awareness, knowledge, and understanding.

Staff Development - Continuous learning offered to groups of professionals and that develops the skills of education professionals to meet common goals, or targets of a school or school district.

Licensure - The process by which an agency or association grants professional recognition to an individual who has met certain qualifications specified by that agency or association.

Levels of Implementation - A three-point rubric used by schools to report progress on staff development goals.

- Level 1 - **Knowledge:** Teachers know something that was not known before.
- Level 2 - **Application:** Teachers consistently use this knowledge and skill on the job.
- Level 3 - **Impact:** Student learning is improved and this is demonstrated by appropriate assessments that are aligned with specific improvement targets.

Professional Development Point - One clock hour of inservice education. One semester hour of graduate college credit counts as 20 professional development points.

Content - The materials that define the skills and knowledge of a specific course of study.

Professional Education - The knowledge, competencies, and skills necessary to perform in a particular education role or position.

Service to the Profession - Any activity that assists others in acquiring proficiency in instructional systems, pedagogy, or content that directly relates to licensure of professional educators, accreditation processes, or professional organizations.

Teacher Mentoring - Activities that consist of structured guidance and regular and ongoing support of teachers (especially beginning teachers) that are designed to help the teachers continue to improve practice and develop instructional skills. These activities involve the assistance of an exemplary teacher or other appropriate individual from a school, education agency, or institute of higher learning. Mentoring may include coaching, classroom observation, team teaching, and may include the establishment of a partnership by a local education agency with an institute of higher education, another local education agency, teacher organization, or another organization. (See Mentoring Handbook)

PDC General Overview

In order to provide opportunities for certified staff members (and support personnel when applicable) to grow professionally through the acquisition of knowledge, application of knowledge, and impact of application on student achievement, a structure and process has been developed. The steps below provide a general overview of the process outlined in USD 401:

1. Each participant must write an Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) containing district, building, and individual smart goals that will be addressed through various approved activities, strategies or interventions. This plan must be filed through MyLearningPlan and approved by **September 30**. An IPDP must be completed by every certified staff member each year whether the individual will be collecting points toward recertification or not. The IPDP serves as the applicant's agreement to participate in learning opportunities provided by the district.
2. Any activity for which an individual could potentially earn points must be documented with the appropriate form on MyLearningPlan and demonstration of established criteria included as outlined in the Professional Learning Plan.
3. Recertification points will be awarded at the rate of 1 point per clock hour after the PDC reviews and approves appropriate documentation.
4. Due dates for documentation of completed activities will be **one month** after completion with the exception of any activity completed near the end of April. All activities to be included on the current year's transcript must be completely documented and approved by **May 1**. If an individual misses the deadlines, the individual will have to come to the meeting and present before the committee in order to receive credit.

ALIGNMENT

The Professional Learning Plan provides alignment between district/building results-based goals and professional learning activities to be completed by an individual during the specified time period. The purpose of the plan is guided, both at the state and local level, by three questions:

- What are all students expected to know and be able to do?
- What must teachers know and do in order to ensure student success?
- Where must professional development focus to meet both goals?



All learning activities addressed in this plan should align with:

- District mission, priorities, and professional development goals
- QPA school improvement goals
- Impact on student learning
- Individual improvement in instructional skills and certification/professional teaching standards

Results-based goals are determined by completing a variety of needs assessments at the district and building levels. Through these needs assessments, we are able to look at effective implementation of instructional practices as well as student level data to help us determine any gaps in student learning. Our results-based professional learning goals are written to reflect the needs identified through our analysis.

Through a similar analysis of student learning needs, buildings are able to determine their focus and write their results-based professional development plan as part of their School Improvement Plan (SIP). These goals are written based on the professional learning necessary to impact student learning and to address how knowledge, application, and impact will be demonstrated by educators.

Each teacher writes an Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) which aligns their professional learning with the specific district and building level focus areas/goals as well as content standards, professional education standards, and service to the profession.

USD 401 District Mission Statement & Vision

The mission of Unified School District 401 is to assure that students will acquire basic academic and decision making skills necessary to become resourceful, responsive and responsible members of the world community. Our vision is to equip learners with 21st Century Skills to achieve excellence in a continually-changing world.

Belief Statements of USD 401:

We believe:

- Our primary responsibility is teaching and learning.
- Students come first.
- All members of our learning community add value.
- Relevance + relationships + rigor = engaged learning.
- School, community and business partnerships enrich student learning.
- Learning is enhanced in a safe and caring environment.
- In quality staff committed to excellence.
- In exploration, innovation, collaboration and growth.
- In integrity of word and deed.
- Students need a rigorous, relevant world class curriculum.
- In data-driven, continuous improvement for all.
- Diversity is an asset.
- Modern technology is an essential tool for teaching and learning.
- In fiscal responsibility.

Strategic Goals of USD 401:

- Support staff through the systematic development and implementation of instructional tools, practices, and technologies to ensure student learning. Develop showcase programs in academics, athletics and activities while ensuring all students are prepared for life.
- To recruit, develop, and retain a high quality workforce.
- To create and enhance modern, safe learning facilities to achieve excellence.
- Strengthening community pride through strategic partnerships.
- Ensuring district financial resources to provide for the success of students, workforce and community.

District Goals:

- District staff members will complete the curriculum alignment with State standards both vertically and horizontally and provide opportunities for annual review; standards of performance at appropriate grade levels will be developed and reviewed annually; a means of assessment to determine whether or not students have met standards will continue to be utilized. Review of State standards will be done annually to allow training for classroom teachers who must implement effective strategies.
- Data analysis will be used to develop an array of plans to identify weaknesses in student performance with attention given to State assessment results in reading, math, and writing. A plan, including training, for differentiating instruction will be devised to address all students and their learning styles. Professional learning communities will provide an avenue through which curriculum alignment, data analysis and differentiated instruction can be implemented.
- In order to effectively proceed through the school improvement and accreditation process, district staff members will be informed and trained in the QPA programs.
- Staff members will utilize technology to support and enrich curriculum and instruction.
- Mentor training along with a guide will be developed to pair experienced teachers with teachers new to the district. Recruitment, orientation, and mentoring/induction will be tied together in an effort attract quality employees and retain them once employed.

Building Goals:

Building goals may be personalized to meet the needs of the individual school improvement plans and the school staff. Additional goals may be outlined on the professional development plan.

- Staff members will continually review and assess student performance in reading comprehension through strategies and assessments adopted for school improvement.
- Staff members will continually review and assess student performance in their ability to problem solve as it relates to mathematics. This will be done through strategies and assessments adopted for school improvement.
- Staff members will continually review and assess students' abilities to communicate through the written word. Strategies and assessments adopted for school improvement will be used to determine students' abilities.
- Each building leadership team will develop a yearly plan for staff development so that it is ongoing and job embedded.

Student Exit Outcomes:

To achieve the district's purpose, the following expectations have been established across the entire curriculum. The student will:

- Demonstrate the mastery of essential skills in the academic areas of language arts, science, mathematics, social science, physical education, general technology, and the fine and applied arts based on grade level, course and unit outcomes that are aligned with State standards;
- Demonstrate ability to apply technological concepts, principles, and systems in an ever-changing world;
- Demonstrate ability to use critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making skills to analyze and evaluate various forms of information;
- Demonstrate willingness and ability to work with others;
- Demonstrate that responsible citizens achieve change through the democratic process;
- Demonstrate behaviors that exhibit a positive self-concept;
- Demonstrate pride in individual excellence;
- Demonstrate respect for ethnic diversity and multi-cultural heritage;
- Demonstrates practices of a physically and mentally healthy life-style; and
- Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively.

PDC Mission Statement: Our mission is to guide staff through the professional growth process.



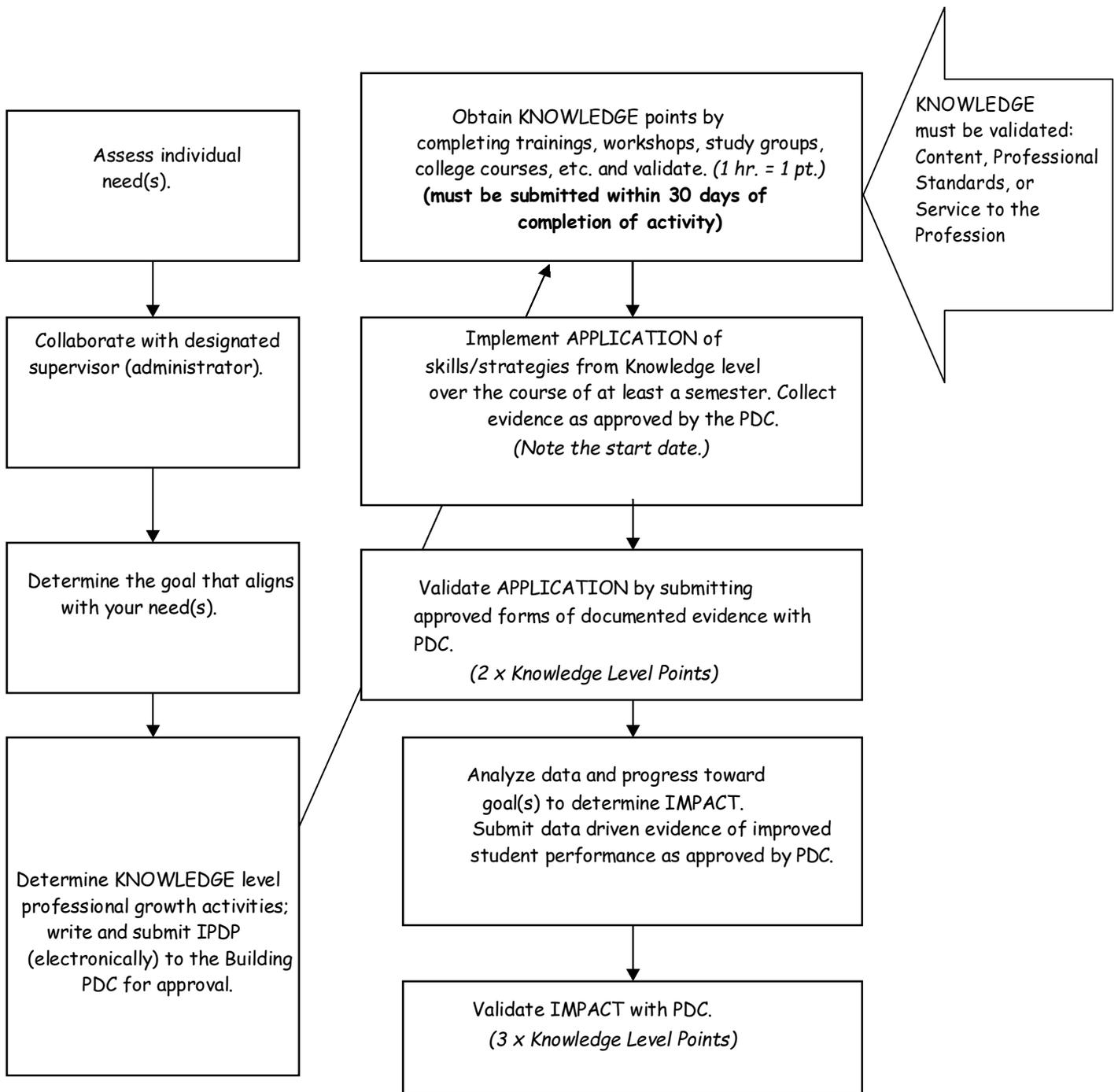


ACTIVITIES/ACTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

LEVELS of IMPLEMENTATION	ACTIVITIES & POINTS (as approved by PDC)	EVIDENCE (as approved by PDC)
Knowledge <i>"What do I know that I didn't know before?"</i>	<p align="center">1 point = 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Study Groups ✓ Workshops/Conferences ✓ Online Courses ✓ Visits to Other Schools ✓ Observations ✓ Book Reads ✓ College courses at this level are 20 points = 1 credit hour (must be submitted in 30 calendar days) 	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Written personal reflection (complete electronically) and ✓ Seat Time ✓ Completion Certificate ✓ Transcript
Application <i>"What am I doing now that is different than what I did before?"</i>	<p align="center">2 x Knowledge Level Points</p> <p>Validation at this level requires consistent application for at least one semester within one year after Knowledge Level points are awarded. Data should be collected for baseline and documentation during application. Tell your supervisor or Principal and they inform the committee what you are doing and how it is documented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Practice with feedback ✓ Action research ✓ Collaboration with other staff ✓ Mentoring/Peer Coaching 	<p>With prior approval, documentation may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student work samples ✓ Student interviews ✓ Structured interviews ✓ Self-reflection log ✓ Peer observation with conferencing/feedback ✓ Log from observer ✓ Documented practice with feedback ✓ Video/audio tapes ✓ Surveys ✓ Lesson plans accompanied by student work samples ✓ Written documentation from team meetings/study groups ✓ Teacher/staff portfolio ✓ Action research results
Impact <i>"What are the results of my professional learning and growth?"</i>	<p align="center">3 x Knowledge Level Points</p> <p>Validation of Impact requires that staff members submit data driven evidence of improved student performance or school/program improvement over the course of at least 1 semester after Application points are awarded. If the process is going to take over a year, you must notify the committee by May 1.</p>	<p>Forms of approved formative/summative evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ District approved assessments ✓ Levelized assessments ✓ Writing Portfolios ✓ Ongoing Progress Reports (i.e., IEP progress reports, ...) ✓ Alignment to standards ✓ District, grade, or content area curriculum revisions

LEVELS of IMPLEMENTATION	ACTIVITIES & POINTS (as approved by PDC)	EVIDENCE (as approved by PDC)
<p>*Service to Profession <i>"What am I doing to serve others in the profession?"</i></p> <p><u>Criteria for Service to Profession</u></p> <p>Any activity that is not specifically defined in a staff member's job expectations and 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.</p>	<p>1 point = 1 hour (Knowledge Level only)</p> <p>Service to Profession activities may be categorized in one of the following three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presenting Staff Development ✓ Mentoring ✓ Supervision of a Student Teacher ✓ Building/District PDC ✓ Building Leadership Team ✓ District Leadership Team ✓ QPA \ Team ✓ Curriculum Committees ✓ Publishing Articles/Newsletters ✓ Visiting Teams (on-Site) for Other Districts 	<p>Forms of approved evidence: With prior approval, documentation may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Proof of attendance at committee meetings ✓ Log of information shared or results of committee meeting ✓ Written documentation of facilitation of study group ✓ Written documentation of actions taken/processes completed of work groups ✓ Evidence of conferencing work with mentees/student teachers (logs/plans that you use on a regular basis with these persons)—to include logs, observation forms, or weekly conference form

Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) Process Chart



Three-Tier Point System

The new three-tier point system allows for points to be awarded in three areas. The points for Content and Professional Education are doubled at the Application Level and tripled at the Impact Level.

LEVELS	AREAS		
	Content i.e. reading, math, science, history, phys. ed., etc.	Professional Standards i.e. learning strategies or modalities, pedagogies, etc.	Service to Profession i.e. SIT Team, NCA, QPA, Committees
Knowledge What do I know that I didn't know before?	1 point = 1 hour	1 point = 1 hour	1 point = 1 hour
Application What am I doing that I didn't do before?	2 x Knowledge Points	2 x Knowledge Points	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Impact How did I change student performance or how teachers teach? What can I present or share to show teachers how to change curriculum or instruction?	3 x Knowledge Points	3 x Knowledge Points	XXXXXXXXXXXX

In order to recertify an individual must earn points in 2 of the 3 areas designated at the top of the chart within the period of their individual license.

Examples of How Staff Development Activities May be Classified and How Points May be Accumulated:

EXAMPLE 1	Content	Professional Standards	Service to Profess.
Knowledge	In December, attended 6-hr. inservice about reading instruction Re: Reading Academy = 6 pts.		
Application	After developing lesson plans and preparing during Jan.- May, I instructed 24 summer reading students using Reading Academy = 12 pts.		
Impact	My pre- (June) and post- tests (August) document the success of my program. Shared success with principal in August and at Sept. faculty meeting. = 18 pts.		

Total Points = 36

EXAMPLE 2	Content	Professional Standards	Service to Profess.
Knowledge			Served on the Math Committee - 3 hours Served on Building Leadership Team - 4 hours
Application			XX NA XX
Impact			XX NA XX

Total Points = 7

EXAMPLE 3	Content	Professional Ed.	Service to Profess.
Knowledge		Attended inservice on student learning styles = 4 pts.	
Application		Added two new strategies addressing student learning styles to my lesson plans = 8 pts.	
Impact		Carefully documented; shared results in presentation at the KSDE Effective Schools Conf= 16 pts.	

Total Points = 28

Guidelines to Submit Forms

The inservice information provided by your building is used to develop an Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP), which is unique to you, your school and the district. The IPDP constitutes your agreement to participate.

The IPDP is required of all teachers and administrators!

- Is available through the MY LEARNING PLAN program at www.mylearningplan.com.
- Must be approved by your building administrator and filed through My Learning Plan. Don't forget to submit at the bottom of the page when completing the form.
Print a copy for your records when complete.
- **Will not earn you any points until you complete various activities and submit the appropriate forms for approval through My Learning Plan.**

The IPDP Form - ALL AMENDMENTS

Inservice opportunities occur throughout the school year. To participate in those not designated on your original IPDP:

- Visit with your building administrator or PDC representative to edit your original plan in My Learning Plan if you are unable to do so.
- Add appropriate Personal Smart Goals to your profile in My Learning Plan.
- A plan may be amended at any time with approval of the building administrator.

Knowledge Level or LET THE POINTS COUNT

For all activities, submit the appropriate activity form from the menu at the left-hand side of the screen when you log into My Learning Plan. You will have a choice of

- × Leave Request(hard copy in office)
- × Mentoring forms
- × Conference/Workshop
- × Graduate Credit

(The appropriate form will depend upon the activity.)

You will only fill out one form and take that form through pre-approval, approved and in progress, then to final approval where the activity will then be displayed in the "Most Recently Completed" window.

Activities considered building inservice or any type of activity that does not require a leave of absence with a substitute in which there are a large number of district participants can be accessed through the district catalog in My Learning Plan. Building administrators and district curriculum directors will have the ability to place activities in the catalog.

- Points will be awarded in a 1-point per contact-hour basis.
- No partial points will be awarded for less than one full-hour of inservice.
- Please remember to submit or save the form after completion.(**Mark Completed**)
- Mark Relicensure or appropriate response.

Application Level or DEMONSTRATE/MODEL

You are ready to take the Knowledge that you gained and change your instruction. You have reached the level where you can **demonstrate or model** what you learned at the inservice.

To take an activity to the application level, you must have earned knowledge level points for a specific activity and have that entered through My Learning Plan. Once the activity is completed and approved, then click on the title of that activity from the "Most Recently Completed" window. You will be given the option to fill out a request for application level form. The form must be filled out completely and then an administrator and/or PDC representative from your building will need to document over time the application of the knowledge.

Some of the forms of documentation that may be used (you must verify two of the following):

Lesson Plans	Video/Audio Tape
Samples of Work	Interview with Supervisor
Journal, Portfolio	Other (approved by PDC)
Observations	Self Reflection log

- Points will be awarded at 2 times the number of knowledge level points earned.
- Please remember to **mark completed** to submit or/or save the form after completion.
- This form will go through the same type of approval process as the other activity forms.

Impact Level or HAS STUDENT PERFORMANCE IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF APPLICATION?

You have the knowledge and the skills, so how is that impacting student performance? How are you changing the quality of education in your building, district, or beyond? Evidence of impact upon student performance or school improvement shall be presented to the professional development council.

At this level your points are tripled! For example: if a person completes a 6-hour training, he/she would receive 6 Knowledge level points; if he/she can demonstrate application, he/she would receive an additional 12 points for a total of 18 points; if the teacher can later provide evidence of impact on students or adults they would receive an additional 18 points (3 x 6 Knowledge points) in addition to the accrued 18-points for a total of 36 points.

Again, caution! **A teacher cannot automatically jump from Knowledge to Impact.** Your preparation before you teach the lesson or new strategy should include personal research, development, discovery, or research of appropriate materials, and carefully constructed lesson plans. This process may take longer than one school year! You are encouraged to strive for quality instruction and not the "quick fix". Therefore, the time to accomplish your goal may vary. If your activity does go beyond the school year, please notify the PDC in writing of your intentions before **May 1st** of the current year.

Documentation that may be used to verify the impact of knowledge that has been applied:

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| Surveys/Results | Data Collected |
| Project/Portfolio | Video/Audio Presentation |
| Written Paper | Action Research Documentation |
| Other (prior approval by PDC) | |

Once an activity has been approved through the application level, then the participant may have the option to click on the "Most Recently Completed" activity title and apply for impact level points (in much the same way as the application level form works).

Acceptable Activities for IPDPs (This is not an all-inclusive list.)		
Content	Professional Education	Service to the Profession(Knowledge only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Improvement Goals/Strategies Reading, Math (problem solving), and Writing Knowledge/Skills in the content areas State Standards Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Instructional Practices Discipline/Class Management Use of Technology Collaborative Teaming Leadership/Group Facilitation Quality Assessments Multiple Intelligences/Differentiating Instruction Motivation Critical Thinking Skills Action Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building/District PDC Building Leadership Team District Leadership Team QPA/NCA Teams Curriculum Committees Conducting Training Workshops/Inservices (Staff Dev.) Publishing Articles/Newsletters Visiting Teams (On-Site) for other Districts Supervision of student teachers Mentoring
Activities That Will Not Be Approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Meetings (Faculty, Dept.) Participation on Paid Committees (*Consideration may be given if a District Product is the result of work. Prior approval required.) Back to School Meetings (Insurance, Bloodborne Pathogens) Membership in Professional Organizations (Business/Networking meetings) Supervision of Sporting Events, Plays, Concerts, etc. 	

HOW TO USE YOUR INSERVICE POINTS FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE

Inservice points earned through the IPDP process may be used for renewal of licensure. The Professional Development Plans for Licensure Renewal as outlined in the Kansas Inservice Program Regulations are as follows:

If you hold a current BACHELOR's DEGREE:

- Earn 160 professional development points with an approved Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP).
- At least 80 of the 160 points must be college or university credit hours (1 hour = 20 points).
- **Appropriateness of college credit must be approved by the PDC.**(District in-services are automatic)

If you hold a current ADVANCED DEGREE:

- Earn 120 professional development points with an approved IPDP.
- Points may be earned through a combination of semester credits and points or on points alone.
- **Appropriateness of college credit must be approved by the PDC.** (District in-services are automatic.)

Note: Individual staff may apply semester credit hours directly to licensure renewal without being awarded professional development points for the credits **ONLY** if they are earned as part of an approved teacher preparation program for additional endorsements or for a school specialist or leadership license.

Points must be earned in at least **TWO** of the three areas:

- Content Endorsement Standards-standards adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education that define skills and knowledge required for the specific content endorsements in a Kansas State Teaching License.
- Professional Education Standards-standards adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education that specify the knowledge, competencies, and skills necessary to perform in a particular education role or position.
- Service to Profession-an activity that assists others in acquiring proficiency in instructional systems, professional practices, or content, or that directly relates to licensure of professional education, accreditation processes, or professional organizations.

ALL licensure renewals must be done with professional development points earned under an approved IPDP beginning July 1, 2003. Three exceptions to this guideline are for which you may apply directly to Licensure and Teacher Education at KSDE are:

1. ...if you are completing a program for an additional endorsement or license, and can provide an official transcript verifying at least 8 credit hours that were part of the approved program.
2. ...if you held a certificate and earned a graduate degree prior to July 1, 2003, AND have at least 3 years of accredited experience during the term of the professional license being renewed. (This can be done twice.)
3. ...if you have completed the Nation Board Certification assessment process through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during the term of the professional license being renewed.

Note: First time renewals need to visit with their Principal as these may be different.

Beginning July 1, 2003, each certified or licensed employee of USD 401, whose highest degree is a **bachelor's degree**, may earn **80** inservice education points for recertification. A certified or licensed employee holding a **master's degree or other advanced degree(s)** may earn **120** inservice education points for recertification. ***You can apply for certificate renewal 6 months in advance of its expiration!***

HOW TO COMBINE INSERVICE POINTS AND/OR COLLEGE HOURS to equal 160 points BS/BA or 120 points MS/MA (Each college hour = 20points)

1. Professional employees with a **Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree** can renew their certificates or licenses with one of the following options
 - × 8 approved college hours(8x20=160 pt) and 0 inservice points, or
 - × 7 approved college hours(7x20=140 pt) and 20 inservice points, or
 - × 6 approved college hours(6x20=120 pt) and 40 inservice points, or
 - × 5 approved college hours(5x20=100 pt) and 60 inservice points, or
 - × 4 approved college hours(4x20=80 pt) and 80 inservice points. You are required to have 4 college credit hours to recertify.

2. Professional employees with a **Master of Science (MS) or Master of Arts (MA) degree** can renew their certificates or licenses with one of the following options:
 - × 6 approved college hours(6x20=120 pt) and 0 inservice points, or
 - × 5 approved college hours (5x20=100 pt)and 20 inservice points, or
 - × 4 approved college hours(4x20=80 pt) and 40 inservice points, or
 - × 3 approved college hours(3x20=60 pt) and 60 inservice points, or
 - × 2 approved college hours(2x20=40 pt) and 80 inservice points, or
 - × 1 approved college hour(1x20=20 pt) and 100 inservice points, or
 - × 0 approved college hours and 120 inservice points. You are not required to have college hours to recertify.

To use points for renewal, professional development requirements are as follows:

- If the highest degree earned is a bachelor's degree, 80 inservice points are allowed. The remaining half of recertification or license renewal must be comprised of college/university credit.
- If the highest degree earned is a master's or other advanced degree(s), then all 120 inservice education points may be earned from inservice education activities and no points must be earned from college/university credit.
- Points earned must be accumulated during the five-year period preceding the renewal of certification or license. After recertification or renewal of license, the slate is wiped clean when you use your points. You start fresh with "0" points. College credit is valid for six years. Points are valid for five years.
- Recertification points must be earned in two of the three areas: content, professional education and/or service to the profession.
- Points will not be awarded if the appropriate documentation is not received and approved by the PDC.

Licensure is the responsibility of the individual staff member. Staff members are responsible for getting an official inservice transcript from the district's central office and an official transcript for college credits from the appropriate college or university to be used for licensure renewal. Both transcripts must be attached to the renewal application sent to the state. **A request for an official inservice transcript must be made to the PDC Chair at least 30 days prior to your recertification filing date. Filing date should be from six month to no later than two months prior to expiration of your licence. Any questions about inservice transcripts should be made to the PDC Chair.**

The individual requesting certification renewal shall send an inservice education transcript and a certificate renewal application to the Kansas State Board of Education. The address is listed below.

To: KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER EDUCATION
120 S.E. 10th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182

My Learning Plan

(Quick Reference Guide)

1. Go to the website: www.mylearningplan.com
2. Log into the program:
 - x User name is your full email address (example: pschuckman@usd401.com)
 - x Password will be given to you.
 - x *You should change your password to a commonly used word that you will remember. (See menu at the left screen to change the password.)
3. Check all information in the user profile.
 - x See the menu at the left side of the screen.
 - x If license or certificate information does not match what you believe should be represented, please go to the KSDE website licensure database to make sure that the information on file with the state department is current.
 - x Submit personal goals or update what you already have on file.
 - x Archive any goals that you wish to remove from the current year's plan.
4. Create an IPDP or Revise the one that you already have on record.
 - x (View your old plan by logging in, clicking on "my portfolio" from menu at the left, and then clicking on "2015-16 action plan." You may print a copy to use as a reference. You will need to let your building principal know if there are no changes to your old plan so that the dates can be edited.)
 - x Complete all parts of the form. When finished scroll to the bottom of the page to submit or save the form.
 - x Under action plan information: Action Plan 2016-2017
 - x Under how you will increase your knowledge base submit information that best describe your intentions.
 - x Enter start date.
5. To request relicensure points from district or building activities that are considered inservice:
 - x Choose from the menu at the left, District Catalog
 - x To enroll in the appropriate activity, find the activity that begins with the name of the building to which you are assigned. (District activities will be identified with the title beginning with "District.")
 - x Activities in the catalog are generally listed by the date that they are entered or when they open for enrollment.
 - x Activities will only remain in the catalog for one month beyond the ending date of the activity. You must enroll in the activity in a timely manner. Building administrators will have the ability to enter activities in the catalog and then monitor the attendance whereby upon completion of the activity, he/she will confirm attendance and adjust times for those who participated.

6. To request points for a workshop or conference:

- × If you require a substitute and you will be out of the building during a contract day or you require a district vehicle for transportation, you will need to choose the **Professional Leave Request Form and transportation form and these hard copies are located in the office.** Approval will need to be obtained from the building principal prior to attending conference or workshop. **You will also need to fill out the conference form in my Learning plan.** You will need to go into your plan, click on this activity and then choose the option "mark complete" in order to send the activity back to the administrator for final approval.
- × Remember to go to the bottom of the page and submit or save as draft. If neither of these options are chosen and you leave this screen, the work you have done will not be saved.
- × There will be a knowledge validation or evaluation form required prior to final approval.

7. To request points for committee (building/district) work or for professional book studies that are approved by the PDC: You will need give a copy of the meeting minutes to the committee with a list of members and points request. Done by May1.

- This must be done for each district-level or building-level meeting that occurs for at least 30 minutes.
- Committee work should only be documented when participation leads to the acquisition of new knowledge that will potentially be applied.
- A limit of 12 total point/hours per academic year will be allotted for each committee in which an individual may be involved.
- Since committee work is considered *Service to the Profession*, these activities may not be taken to the application or impact levels.
- Book studies will utilize the same form with the same limit of 12 points.
- Remember that book studies must be approved by the district Professional Development Council.

8. To request points for graduate credit received through and accredited college or university: You will need to select the Graduate Course form.

- Complete each section of the form so that graduate credit may be included on official relicensure transcripts.
- Within one month after completion of the course or within one month after a semester ends.
- At the present time, the Kansas State Department of Education requires that you submit transcripts from an accredited college or university.
- All course work, in order to be used for relicensure, must be in the area of the current endorsement(s) listed on one's certificate/license or be a course toward an additional endorsement or advanced degree program.

9. To request points for curriculum projects: You will need to have prior approval from the Superintendent and your Building Principal and then proceed to the Curriculum Project form.

- USD #401 will provide a limited budget (when funds are available either in stipend form or IPDP remuneration form) for authorized curriculum work and release time.
- The following factors will be considered in approval of such requests:
 - Availability of budgeted funds for this purpose and the priority assigned to the curriculum work requested.
 - The availability of substitute teachers for release time or class coverage.
 - The usefulness of the project to the district and/or building or grade level.
 - The plans for sharing knowledge with colleagues.
 - Realistic time table for completion of the project (limit 30 hours).
 - The assigned teacher field of the applicant in relation to the work requested.
 - The implication for school improvement and student achievement

Professional Development Council Information

Membership

Building	Administrator Rep	Teacher Rep	Teacher Rep
District Chairperson	Heidi Gillespie	None	None
High School	Principal	David Burchfield	None
Para	None	Kim Miller	None
Elementary School	Principal	Carol Seiker	Heidi Gillespie
Middle School	None	Travis Tesone	None
District level	Superintendent	None	None

- 1 teacher and 1 administrator from the elementary school
- 2 teachers and 1 administrator from the middle school and high school
- 1 administrator for the district office
- 1 para educator to represent all buildings
- QPA chair if not already on committee

All teachers will be selected by staff members from the buildings they represent and will serve a term of 3 years. Administrators will be selected among the administrators. There is no limit on the number of years an administrator or teacher may serve on the council.

Responsibilities of the Professional Development Council

Building Level PDC:

The Building PDC

- focuses on the building professional development needs by participating in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the results-based professional development component of the School Improvement Plan
- serves as members on the District PDC assists building administrator with validation of results-based evidence of results as defined in individual Professional Development Plans for the building staff.

(NOTE: The building administrator reads and approves IPDPs when submitted initially.)

District Level PDC:

The district Professional Development Council (PDC) is responsible for the development and management of policy and procedures regarding individual, building, and district-level professional learning opportunities. It is the responsibility of the District PDC to develop a local five-year plan for professional learning that is approved by the local Board of Education and that meets the criteria established by the Kansas State Board of Education. These criteria are:

- ✓ Establishment of a professional development council;
- ✓ An assessment of inservice needs;
- ✓ Identification of goals and objectives;
- ✓ Identification of activities; and
- ✓ Evaluative criteria.

Members of the PDC must participate in **annual training** related to their roles and responsibilities.

The training for USD #401 PDC members will include a training scheduled at the beginning of each school year that focuses on how to implement inservice regulations K.A.R. 91.1.215 through 91.1.219. (From Guidelines for Quality Professional Development, KSDE, February, 2003)

In addition, the District PDC of USD 401 establishes process and procedures for reviewing plans and evaluations as submitted by district and building committees and by individual staff members. The PDC may validate or reject either plans or evaluations and award points (credit) for those activities accepted and completed. The PDC then recommends acceptance of earned credit to the Board of Education. At this point, the credit becomes usable for a filer's renewal of licensure.

PDC MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meetings are to take place according to dates and times on the district calendar.



My Professional Learning Checklist

Introduction - As I plan my professional learning, I will consider the following criteria

Does it:

- ✓ Reflect my needs as well as my students' needs?
- ✓ Address building and/or district goals when appropriate?
- ✓ Reflect new learning and growth, not just time and effort?
- ✓ Have clear goals focused on student learning?
- ✓ Use data to determine goals?
- ✓ Represent quality educational practices?
- ✓ Target specific content and/or instructional practices?
- ✓ Include reflection on the outcomes so adjustments can be made?
- ✓ Identify evidence to be gathered?

Knowledge

Activities focus on:

- ✓ Acquiring new learning and growth, not just time and effort.
- ✓ Relevancy to district standards and/or building goals.
- ✓ Quality educational practices.
- ✓ Determining use of data and development of assessment.
- ✓ Helping drive instruction.

Application

Activities focus on:

- ✓ Regular and consistent implementation of new skills and strategies.
- ✓ Reflection and monitoring of implementation.
- ✓ Specific implementation timelines.
- ✓ Gathering evidence of implementation.
- ✓ Directly linked to the goals.

Impact

Activities include:

- ✓ Formative as well as summative assessments aligned with the goal.
- ✓ Analysis of student work aligned with the goal.
- ✓ Analysis of student performance data.
- ✓ Estimated timelines.
- ✓ Contains multiple data sources.

(adapted from USD 401,313,261 and 253 PDC Handbooks)

