

What Is High-Quality Professional Development?

According to the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education, high quality professional development:

- 1._____ has the goal to improve student learning based on data;
- 2._____ helps teachers meet the future needs of students who learn in different ways and who come from diverse backgrounds;
- 3._____ provides adequate time for inquiry, reflection, and mentoring and is an important part of the normal day of all educators;
- 4._____ is rigorous, sustained, and adequate to the long-term change of practice;
- 5._____ is directed toward teachers' intellectual development and leadership;
- 6._____ fosters a deepening of subject-matter knowledge, understanding of learning and appreciation of students' needs;
- 7._____ is designed and directed by teachers, incorporates the best principles of adult learning, and involves shared decisions;
- 8._____ balances individual priorities with school and district needs.
- 9._____ makes best use of new technologies; and
- 10._____ is site-based and supports a clear vision for students.