

Policy 1250

Professional Learning Communities

- A. The Superintendent and district administrators will ensure that all of the schools in the district function as professional learning communities. Professional learning communities are defined as educators committed to working collaboratively in ongoing processes of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous, job-embedded learning for educators.
1. The Board, district, and school administrators will ensure that time is available, within the contract, for educators to meet together regularly in collaborative teams.
 2. District/school administrators will ensure this time is reserved for activities directly related to the process of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better achievement results for our students.
 3. Collaborative teacher teams will work to help each other focus on the following four questions:
 - a. What is it that our students are expected to know and do?
 - b. How will we know if they know and can do what is expected?
 - c. How will we respond if they don't know and can't do what is expected?
 - d. How will we respond if they already know and can do it?
 4. District and school administrators will ensure that ongoing training and professional learning opportunities are provided to ensure that all Box Elder School District educators are proficient in the philosophies and practices related to professional learning communities/collaborative teacher teams.