Union County Educational Services Commission District Professional Development Plan (PDP) 2022-2023

Distr	District Name		Superintendent Name	Plan Begin/End Dates
Unior	Union County Educational Services Commission		Carrie M. Dattilo	July 1, 2022 -June 30, 2023
1: Pro	1: Professional Learning (PL) Goals			
Goal	Goals	Identified Group	Rationale/Sources of Evidence	of Evidence
н	Maintain safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environments for students and staff through continued integration of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports and Social Emotional Learning Programs.	Certified Staff, Non-Certified Staff, & Administrators	 The crisis intervention program adopted by the district (Safety Care) requires that staff participate in initial and/or annual refresher training. Analysis of data pertaining to student discipline, behavior intervention, suspension, HIB incidents, and substance abuse referrals reflects a need to provide additional training and support that will enable staff to better address the evolving needs of the population served in the district. Research points to a direct correlation between Social Emotional Learning programs and improved student attendance, performance, outcomes, and 	at staff participate in initial and/or annual refresher training. of data pertaining to student discipline, behavior intervention, n, HIB incidents, and substance abuse referrals reflects a need to dditional training and support that will enable staff to better e evolving needs of the population served in the district. points to a direct correlation between Social Emotional Learning and improved student attendance, performance, outcomes, and
2	Meet the ever-evolving needs of sending districts, students, and staff by acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to engage in a strategic planning process that leads to substantive and transformational growth.	Certified Staff, Non-Certified Staff, & Administrators	 UCESC does not have a strategic plan in place which is necessary to ensure we are achieving our mission. Research indicates that involving multiple stakeholders in the strategic planning process increases the relevance and success of the goals that are established. A key element of successful strategic planning is training those participating in the process. As the needs of sending districts evolve, so must the services and programs of UCESC. 	oes not have a strategic plan in place which is necessary to ensure nieving our mission. indicates that involving multiple stakeholders in the strategic process increases the relevance and success of the goals that are d. lement of successful strategic planning is training those ng in the process. ds of sending districts evolve, so must the services and programs
ω	Promote the continuous growth of district staff and ensure compliance with statemandated professional development requirements through job-embedded, collaborative PLCs.	Certified Staff, Non-Certified Staff, & Administrators	 All administrators and teaching staff members are required to participate in initial and annual refresher training in AchieveNJ regulations and in the board-approved teacher evaluation instrument (Danielson Framework). District is responsible for implementing the state-mandated requirements for professional development for groups of educators as specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:9C (Refer to attached chart). 	nembers are required to participate in AchieveNJ regulations and in luation instrument (Danielson plementing the state-mandated pment for groups of educators as attached chart).

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- Superintendent will provide initial and annual refresher training on AchieveNJ and the Danielson Framework for Teaching to all newly hired and returning administrators.
- School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will be given training and an outline in order to conduct refresher training on Achieve NJ and the Danielson Framework for Teaching for all certified staff.
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction will oversee the continued implementation of the online professional development platform.

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- District will maintain a log of all PD activities to ensure annual compliance with "Professional Development Requirements in Statute and Regulations" published by the NJDOE.
- Administrators will ensure compliance with the district calendar of State-mandated professional development and submit agendas and attendance rosters for all other PD activities throughout the year.
- School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will distribute surveys to certified and non-certified staff to determine additional professional development needs and interests and share results with the Superintendent at DEAC Meetings.
- School Safety Officer will provide initial and annual refresher training on District Emergency Management policies and regulations for staff, including school custodians and maintenance personnel.
- Assistant Superintendent & Director of Curriculum and Instruction will evaluate and refine existing practices for providing State-mandated PD to newly-hired and substitute staff.

3: PD Required by Statute or Regulation

State-Mandated PD Activities

Refer to the attached "New Jersey Professional Development Requirements" published by the New Jersey Department of Education in March 2020

4: Resources and Justification

Resources

stipends, and online subscriptions. cover costs of external consultants, training materials, online webinars, technology resources, workshop and tuition reimbursements, travel expenses, staff A portion of the budget for the 2022-2023 school year has been allocated to address the district, school, and individual goals outlined in this plan. Funds will

The Superintendent will control professional development expenses by relying on in-district expertise to provide many of the specified activities

The Board-approved district calendar for the 2022-2023 school year includes five full days of professional development.

day for certificated staff to engage in sustained, job-embedded, and collaborative professional development activities. The collective bargaining agreement between the Commission and the Westlake Education Association allocates 90-minutes per week outside of the school

Justification

challenging student behaviors; and mental health concerns of students. administrative team meetings, staff surveys, the District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC), and building-level School Improvement Panels (ScIPs)— Analysis of data gathered from multiple sources during the 2022-2023 school year - including staff observation scores, statewide assessment results identified the continued need to provide high-quality professional learning experiences to improve educators' practices in instruction planning and implementation. Emphasis will be placed on a meaningful strategic planning process; the implementation of strategies to proactively prevent and address

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Date: 8/18/2022

New Jersey Professional Development Requirements in Statute and Regulations

These requirements go beyond the core requirements for PD planning and implementation set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9C. Mandatory professional development (PD) requirements for particular groups of educators are specified in statute and regulation.

PD, timelines, and additional information. The requirements are grouped under the following topics: The chart below summarizes these targeted PD requirements as well as the authorizing citations, educators who should receive the

- Reading Disabilities
- Prevention: Suicide, Substance Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- School Safety, Security and Code of Student Conduct
- d. Health
- Interscholastic Activities
- Additional Professional Development Topics

Please use the chart on this site for the most current information. The requirements will be updated as necessary. Questions on the requirements may be submitted by email to teachPD@doe.state.nj.us.

a. Reading Disabilities

Table 1: PD Requirements - Reading Disabilities

Instruction on screening, intervention, accommodation, and use of technology for students with reading disabilities, including dyslexia, for certain teaching staff members	Neaming Disabilities.		Statutory/Regulatory Guidance
	18A:6-131	Regulation	Statute/
 Special Education and Basic Skills Teachers English as a Second Language Teachers Reading Specialists Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants Speech-Language Specialists 	K-3		Recipients
	Annually	2 Hours	Time
	Dyslexia	Decoding	Notes

b. Prevention: Suicide, Substance Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Table 2: PD Requirements - Prevention

Statutory/Regulatory Guidance	Statute/	Recipients	Time	Notes
	Regulation	(As described in law)		
Suicide Prevention: All teaching staff members must attend instruction in suicide	<i>N.J.S.A.</i> 18A:6-112	 Teaching Staff Members (Similar to "school staff," a member of the professional staff of 	2 Hours per 5 Years ¹	Instruction must be
prevention as part of an individual's PD		any board of education who holds a valid	ð	provided by a
requirement. While this is not an annual		and effective standard, provisional or		licensed health
requirement for all teaching staff members,		emergency certificate, including teachers,		care
the district must ensure that it is made		administrators, school nurse, and school		professional
available annually to those who have not		athletic trainer. N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1.)		with training
completed the requirement (e.g., new staff,				and experience
staff who were absent during the last session).				in mental
				health issues.
Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying:	N.J.S.A.	 Public School Teachers 	Training on	Keeping Our
The district board of education is required to	18A:37-17b	 School Employees 	District	Kids Safe - HIB
review the training needs of district staff for	and c.,	udent contact	Policy:	
the effective implementation of the HIB	N.J.A.C.		Annually;	
policies, procedures, programs, and initiatives	6A:16-7.7		Training on	
and to implement locally determined staff			prevention:	
training programs.			2 Hours per	
Recognition of Substance Abuse: In-service	N.I.S.A.	Public School Instructional Teachers	No Min. Req.:	N/A
training program instruction for the	18A:40A-15,		training must be	727
identification of symptoms and behavioral	NJ.A.C.		reviewed/	
patterns; appropriate intervention strategies;	6A:16-		updated	
and the prevention, early intervention,	3.1(a)(4)		annually	
treatment, and rehabilitation of individuals				
who show symptoms of substance abuse.				

¹The language of the statute stipulates the required number of hours "per professional development period." The Department currently interprets this "professional development period" to be for five years, as this statute was passed prior to July 2013, when teachers were required to complete 100 hours of professional development every five years. Because the professional development cycle changed to a one-year cycle in July 2013, the Department recommends that, if not prescribed otherwise, teachers receive the required training in their first year of service and then at least every five years thereafter.

c. School Safety, Security and Code of Student Conduct

N/A	Within 60 days of employment;	District Employees	<i>NJ.A.C.</i> 6A:16-5.1(d)	School Safety: In-service training program to enable employees to recognize and
Notes	Time	Recipients (As described in law)	Statute/ Regulation	Statutory/Regulatory Guidance

School Safety Teams: At least one PD opportunity in effective school climate improvement, practices, programs, or approaches.	Potentially Missing/Abused Children Reporting: Training on procedures for the early detection of missing, abused, or neglected children through notification of, reporting to, and cooperation with the appropriate law enforcement and child welfare authorities.	Code of Student Conduct: District boards of education provide all employees training on the code of student conduct, including training on the prevention, intervention, and remediation of student conduct in violation of the board of education's code of student conduct.	Mandatory Gang Awareness Training for School Administrators: Administrators in their initial year of employment must attend a seminar developed by the Office of the Attorney General and provided annually in each county on the topic of how to recognize signs of gang involvement or activity, or attend a seminar conducted by a public school district which is substantially equivalent.	Law Enforcement Operations: In-service training must be provided on policies and procedures established in the subchapter on law enforcement operations for substances, weapons and safety and the exchange of information regarding the practices of the education and law enforcement agencies.	appropriately respond to safety and security concerns, including emergencies and crises, consistent with the district board of education's plans procedures and mechanisms for school safety and security.	Statutory/Regulatory Guidance
<i>NJ.S.A.</i> 18A:37- 21(b) & (d)	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11	NJ.A.C. 6A:16- 7.1(a)4	N.J.S.A. 52:17B-4.7	<i>N.J.A.C.</i> 6A:16- 6.2(b)12		Statute/ Regulation
 School Safety Team members (School safety team: school principal or designee, a teacher, an anti-bullying specialist, a parent of a current student, and any other discretionary members.) 	EmployeesVolunteersInterns	District Employees	School Administrators	School Staff		Recipients (As described in law)
N/A	New employees as part of their orientation. Otherwise as determined by the district board of education.	Annually	During first year of employment as an administrator	Not specified	Must be reviewed and updated annually	Time
N/A	Keeping Our Kids Safe - Missing and Abused Children	NI Regulations - Programs to Support Student Development	Keeping Our Kids Safe - Gangs	N/A		Notes

Statutory/Regulatory Guidance	Statute/	Recipients	Time	Notes
3	Regulation	(As described in law)		
School Safety Specialist: The	N.J.S.A.	 The school administrator designated by 	Every School	schoolsecurity
superintendent in each school district must	18A:17-43.2	the school district superintendent as the	Safety Specialist	@doe.nj.gov
designate a school safety specialist. The	N.J.S.A.	School Safety Specialist. Every school	must attain	
school safety specialist must acquire	18A:17-43.3	district must have a designated School	certification	
certification through participating in the New		Safety Specialist	once appointed	
Jersey School Safety Specialist Academy.				
Incident Reporting of Violence, Vandalism	N.J.S.A.	 School Staff 	Annually	Incident
and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse: The	18A:17-46,			Reporting
chief school administrator must provide for	N.J.A.C.			System on
the annual training of staff to prepare them to	6A:16-5.3			Homeroom
fulfill the reporting of weapons possession,	(d)2			
violence, vandalism, alcohol, and drug abuse.				

d. Health

Diabetic Student Health Plan: Training by the school nurse in the care of students with diabetes.	Asthma: The Commissioner must assure that annual asthma education opportunities are made available for school physicians and all teaching staff. The NJ Pediatric and Adult Asthma Coalition produced education videos which support this requirement.	Use of Nebulizer: Certified school nurses or other persons authorized to administer asthma medication are required to receive training in airway management and on the use of nebulizers and inhalers consistent with nationally recognized standards.	Communicable Diseases: A medical inspector or nurse must lecture teachers concerning the methods employed to detect the first signs of communicable disease and the recognized measures for the promotion of health and the prevention of disease.	Statutory/Regulatory Guidance
<i>NJ.S.A.</i> 18A:40- 12.13(d)	NJ.S.A. 18A:40-12.9	N.J.S.A. 18A:40- 12.8(a), N.J.A.C. 6A:16- 2.3(b)2	NJ.S.A. 18A:40-3, NJ.A.C. 6A:16- 2.3(b)(xv)	Statute/ Regulation
 Appropriate staff members including staff working with school-sponsored programs outside of the regular school day, as provided in the individualized health care 	Teaching StaffMedical Inspectors;School Physicians;	School Nurse	• Teachers	Recipients (As described in law)
N/A	Education opportunities available annually	Not specified	N/A	Time
Student confidentiality must be maintained.	Student confidentiality must be maintained.	NI Regulations - Programs to Support Student Development	Keeping Our Kids Safe - Communicable Diseases	Notes

N/A	Annually	Educational Staff Members	<i>N.J.S.A.</i> 18A:40A-3, 15,	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention and Intervention: District boards of education must ensure all education staff members receive in-service training in
N/A	Annually	School Staff	<i>NJ.S.A.</i> 34:6A-25 et seq	Bloodborne Pathogens: Staff designated as at-risk of exposure under the district's Exposure Control Plan require training and schools must also identify students at risk of exposure due to occupational training programs and provide equivalent training.
The professional development requirements shall be incorporated into each endorsement holder's professional development plan.	20 hours during the initial 3 years	• School nurse endorsement holders	N.J.S.A. 18A:40- 3.3(a), N.J.A.C. 6A:9B- 14.3(d) and 14.4(d)	General Student Needs Recognition: Training in human growth and development; substance abuse and dependency; and human and intercultural relations; and formal inclusion into each endorsement holder's PD plan.
Epinephrine Training Protocols	N/A	Appropriate staff -	NJ.S.A. 18A:40- 12.6(c), NJ.A.C. 6A:16- 2.3(b)3vii	Training of Delegates for Epinephrine Administration: The certified school nurse in consultation with the board of education, or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school, shall recruit and train volunteer designees who are determined acceptable candidates by the school nurse within each school building.
N/A	N/A	Appropriate staff - Volunteers designated by the school's assigned nurse to administer glucagon when that nurse is not physically present	NJ.S.A. 18A:40- 12.14, NJ.A.C. 6A:16- 2.3(b)3vii	School Nurse Delegate for Glucagon: The school nurse or other qualified health care professional must train school district employees who volunteer to administer glucagon to a student with diabetes who is experiencing severe hypoglycemia when the school nurse is not physically present.
Diabetes Care in NJ Public Schools		plan and the individualized emergency health care plan.		
Notes	Time	Recipients (As described in law)	Statute/ Regulation	Statutory/Regulatory Guidance

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Recognition and First Aid				
T.R.U.S.T. Seizure		nonprofit national organization		sponsored programs outside of the regular school day.
School		Health approved on-line or in-person	12.35(d)1, 2	students with epilepsy and seizure disorders,
Training for		 Training must include a Department of 	18A:40-	Law)4: Training of all staff in the care of
Seizure	N/A	 All staff 	N.J.S.A.	Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders (Paul's
(2009)				
Information				students.
Lyme Disease				information about how best to teach those
maintained.				students with the disease, in order to provide
must be				emphasizes the special needs and problems of
confidentiality	200	1.67	18A:35-5.3	instruct students with Lyme disease which
Student	Annually	 Teachers of students with Lyme disease 	N.J.S.A.	Lyme Disease: Training of all teachers who
		their action plan for responding to a sudden cardiac event		
		employees certified in CPR/AED as part of		
		Fyery school must have at least 5 school	C	
		events or team practices	through 41c	trained in CPR and AED use.
FAQ.	8	CPR/AED must be present for athletic	18A:40-41a	and nonpublic schools must have individuals
Janet's Law	N/A	 A designated staff member trained in 	N.J.S.A.	CPR/AED Training Required3: All public
	CTE		39	technical education course or program.
	participating in		4(d)8	working or participating in any career and
	working or		6A:19-6.	training on safety and health issues prior to
N/A	Prior to prior to	 All new CTE staff and students 	N.J.A.C.	Career and Technical Education: Initial
			3.1(a)4	
			6A:16-	prevention and intervention.
			N.J.A.C.	alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse
		(As described in law)	Regulation	
Notes	Time	Recipients	Statute/	Statutory/Regulatory Guidance

³The requirements of Janet's Law were included in October 2017. ⁴The requirements of Paul's Law were included in March 2021.

e. Interscholastic Athletics

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Interscholastic Athletic Head Injury Safety	N.J.S.A.	 School Physicians 	Complete an	Model Policy
Training Program: School physicians, any	18A:40-41.2	 Athletic Trainers 	interscholastic	for Concussions
person who coaches a public school district or		 Coaches 	athletic head	

Statutory/Regulatory Guidance	Statute/	Recipients	Time	Notes
	Regulation	(As described in law)		
nonpublic school interscholastic sport or cheerleading program, and an athletic trainer			injury safety training	
interscholastic sports program or			program	
cheerleading program are required to			Distribute fact	
complete training in head injury prevention			sheet annually to	
and management.			every student- athlete and	
			parent/guardian	
			of student athlete	
School Physician Completion of Cardiac Assessment PD Module: A contract between	N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1.1	 School Physicians 		Keeping Our Kids Safe -
a school district and a school physician shall include a statement of assurance that the				<u>Assessment</u>
school physician has completed the Student-				
Athlete Cardiac Screening professional				
Student-Athlete Cardiac Assessment	NISA	• Physicians	N /A4	Keening Our
Professional Development Module: A	18A:40-41d	Advanced Practice Nurses		Kids Safe -
physician, advanced practice nurse, or	18A:40-41.7	 Physician's Assistants 		Cardiac
physician assistant who performs a student-				Assessment
the student's participation in a school-				
sponsored interscholastic or intramural				
athletic team or squad must complete the				
Student-Athlete Cardiac Screening				
professional development module and certify				
form attesting to the completion of the				
module.				

^{*}Although no timeline is provided in the statutes, it is recommended that the module be completed as necessary and if the module undergoes substantive changes.

f. Additional Professional Development Topics

Statutory/Regulatory Guidance	Statute/ Regulation	Recipients (As described in law)	Time	Notes
inequities arising from prejudice on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.			determined by district)	
Integrated Pest Management (IPM): The IPM coordinator must train school staff involved with the implementation of the school's IPM Policy and Plan on the components pertaining to their school environment.	<i>NJ.A.C.</i> 7:30-13.2(c)	 School staff involved with implementation of IPM plan 	Not specified.	N/A
Integrated Pest Management: The school and the Integrated Pest Management coordinator are responsible for educating the	<i>NJ.A.C.</i> 7:30- 13.2(c)	 Teachers Staff Students	Not specified	N/A
school community about potential pest problems and methods used to manage them.		• Parents/Guardians		O
Special Education Training: A district receiving IDEA assistance must identify in its special education plan the in-service training needs for professional and paraprofessional staff who provide special education, general education or related services; insure that the in-service training is integrated to the maximum extent possible with other professional development activities; and provide for joint training activities of parents and special education, related services and general education personnel. Preschool Training: A district receiving Early Childhood Program Aid shall provide professional development and training specific to preschool education for all early childhood education administrators, teachers and teacher assistants. Teacher Mentor Training: Mentors working with novice provisional teachers as part of the district mentoring program must complete a comprehensive mentor training program that	N.J.A.C. 6A:14- 1.2(b)14 N.J.A.C. 6A:13A- 3.1(c)8 N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-5.2(a)7	 Professional and paraprofessional staff who provide special education, general education or related services Early childhood education administrators, teachers and teacher assistants Mentor teachers assigned to work 1-1 with novice provisional teachers 	In accordance with approved special education plan In accordance with approved preschool education plan Before serving as a mentor	N/A N/A
and teacher assistants. Teacher Mentor Training: Mentors working with novice provisional teachers as part of the district mentoring program must complete a comprehensive mentor training program that includes, at a minimum, training program with a curriculum that includes, at a minimum, training on the school district's	<i>N.J.A.C.</i> 6A: 9C-5.2(a)7	 Mentor teachers assigned to work 1-1 with novice provisional teachers 	Before serving as a mentor	N/A

NJ SMART: The school district shall ensure that teachers, school administrators and central office supervisors receive training in NJ SMART and its data query resources.	I&RS Referral: The function of the system of intervention and referral services in each school building shall be to provide support, guidance and professional development to school staff who identify learning, behavior and health difficulties;	teaching evaluation rubric and practice instrument, Professional Standards for Teachers, CCCS, classroom observation skills, facilitating adult learning, and leading reflective conversations about teaching practice	Statutory/Regulatory Guidance
<i>N.J.A.C.</i> 6A:13- 2.1(d)3	<i>N.J.A.C.</i> 6A:16- 8.2(a)4		Statute/ Regulation
 Teachers School administrators Central office supervisors	 Staff members who identify learning, behavior and health difficulties through the I&RS process 		Recipients (As described in law)
Not specified	N/A		Time
N/A	N/A		Notes