

Design-Your-Own Professional Development

You may choose to work with one or more persons to learn, investigate, share teaching strategies, visit an exemplary program, or evaluate your practices in any way that promotes student learning. You can use the time to work with each other to study something you've wanted to learn, solve problems in a curricular area, or work on a curriculum project.

If you want to design your own professional development, here are the steps to take:

1. Identify who wants to work together and **decide on one person who will be responsible** as the contact person who will submit the paperwork for the group.
2. Decide what you want to learn. It is important to remember that what you propose must **promote student learning** according to state guidelines. If there is any question, ask Kathy Swift or Linda Gejda.
3. Plan how you will evaluate yourselves to see if you learned what you set out to learn. You may use an evaluation form, a self-reflective writing, or try applying your new learning to a new situation. If you work on a curriculum document, your work completed is your evidence.
4. The person responsible should pick up the Design-Your-Own Professional Development packet and complete the CEU form by _____.
5. After the workshop, the person responsible needs to send the evaluation forms and a verified sign-in sheet to Linda Gejda.

Here are a few requirements:

- What you do must promote student learning
- If you want to visit and eat, do it before or after the work time
- You must be in a Newtown school building. If what you want to do involves a field trip, get pre-approval from Linda.