



Illinois State Board of Education

FAQ: Overview of PD+

What is PD+?

PD+ is an interactive system that will house information about all available professional development for Illinois educators and professional development providers.

What is the goal of PD+?

The goal of PD+ is to provide a “one-stop shop” for educators to search for and register for professional development. PD+ will provide statewide equitable access to high quality professional development offered through ISBE-approved professional development providers. PD+ will include a complete listing of all PD activities being offered by approved providers. Educators will be able to search using filters to narrow results by topic, location, cost, etc. The system will also track the completion of PD hours for educators, eliminating the need for manual entry by individual educators. In addition, the system will allow for yearly registration and updates to contact information by Illinois approved providers.

How will PD+ be implemented?

ISBE has developed a phased approach to release PD+. A pilot group comprised of a cross-section of PD providers and educators will interact with the system and provide feedback to developers. Once the pilot group and developers test and approve the first round of features, ISBE will release a basic version of the system to the public. Additional features will be released in phases as they are developed and tested by the pilot group.

When will PD+ be available to use?

The pilot group will have first access during each phase of development. The group will help work out bugs and provide feedback about functionality. As each phase is ready for broader implementation, we will release it to educators and PD providers. Phase one should be ready to release to stakeholders by Summer 2021.

Will all approved IL PD providers be required to use PD+?

The system needs to progress through several phases of development and testing before required use is discussed. ISBE will develop a roll-out plan for all providers that will span multiple years and culminate in full system implementation. To award professional development for license renewal purposes, providers must use the system by the time the system is fully implemented.

PD+ Trial for Educators: Why am I being asked to test PD+?

We want this to be an intuitive system that streamlines access to PD activities and the required documentation. Your participation in testing and providing feedback to the pilot participant will help us ensure every aspect of the system has been reviewed and perfected by the audience who will use it the most.