

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 the release of PD+. A pilot group comprised of a cross-section of PD providers and educators interacted with Phase I of the system to provide feedback to developers. Phase I was released in August of 2022. To learn more information about the phases, please see the table on www.isbe.net/pdplus.

When will PD+ be available to use?

Phase I of PD+ was released on August 29, 2022. Developers are currently working on Phase II which is the integration of the Illinois Administrator Academy Management System.

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.

