

Southern Alberta: Fall 2023 PD Update

Information about PD opportunities in your area



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Fall Welcome Back Update

We hope you've had a good start to the 2023-2024 school year! For those of you who have served as PD Chairs in your locals in previous years, thank you very much for your continued service- we're happy to have you back. We also want to extend a warm welcome to any of you who have just stepped into the role of PD Chair. We understand the busy-ness of teaching, especially at this time of year, and appreciate the extra time and effort that goes into serving in this leadership role. The professional development branch of the ATA is here to support you in your role as PD Chair!

Following is a little information that we would appreciate if you shared with your locals:

Professional Growth Plans

- a. Professional growth means the career-long process whereby a teacher, school and school jurisdiction leaders annually develop and implement a plan to achieve professional learning objectives and goals that are consistent with their relative professional practice standards.
- b. Teacher Professional Growth Plans – Due by October 30, 2023, or by a date requested by your school authority.
- c. Teachers can use the 'Self-Reflection on My Professional Practice Tool' located on the Professional Growth Planning page under the Professional Development tab. It is a personalized, interactive, digital, bilingual tool that assists teachers and school leaders in reflecting on the knowledge, skills and attributes of their professional practice.

Beginning Teachers' Network

The Beginning Teacher Network is a virtual space to support Alberta teachers new to the profession and/or the province.

The Beginning Teacher Network will have 8 virtual learning sessions this school year. These virtual sessions are an opportunity to connect with experienced teacher mentors and beginning teacher colleagues from across the province. All materials are also offered in French.

Selected sessions will occur during the school day and include sub-release time for eligible registrants to attend. d. Register at: <https://teachers.ab.ca/teaching-career/mentorship>

Social Studies Curriculum Engagement

Teachers are encouraged to take an active role in new engagement efforts to help shape Alberta's next social studies curriculum. The previous draft has been abandoned. The new development process will begin with broad consultation involving teachers, education partners and the public. Alberta Education has launched an online survey and discussion guide. Go to: [Social studies curriculum engagement | Alberta.ca](#)

Notable Upcoming Professional Development date:

Fall Professional Development Conference (PDC): Calgary- November 24-25, 2023