

Ideas for Daily Professional Learning

Here are 50 ideas for professional learning that will engage staff in moving toward a goal of daily professional learning:

1. Conduct action research projects
2. Have regular meetings of teams to discuss lessons
3. Utilize in-house trainers
4. Plan lessons with teams of teaching colleagues
5. Examine student achievement data
6. Make classroom observations
7. Publish a Web site of shared teaching ideas by department or grade level
8. Set up an Internet blog on teaching and learning
9. Lead a book study
10. Visit a model school
11. Link tips of the day on the Internet to school Web site
12. Survey parents
13. Have teachers volunteer to write state assessments
14. Set up a study or support group that meets weekly
15. Review education software/Web sites
16. Establish demonstration classrooms where peers can observe model strategies
17. Do a classroom walk-through
18. Have teachers share Internet research on strategies monthly
19. Lead a school wide committee or project
20. Develop displays or bulletin boards
21. Have teachers shadow students
22. Team teach a lesson
23. Coach a colleague
24. Operate a mentor program
25. Have teachers take an online course as a team or department
26. Encourage teachers to join a professional network
27. Set up peer review of lessons and student work
28. Encourage staff to write an article about their work
29. Share recent reading from journals, periodicals, books, and so forth
30. Set up regular meetings of critical friends
31. Set up student focus groups
32. Set up a lending library of professional resources
33. Do a self-assessment
34. Design an interdisciplinary lesson
35. Shadow another teacher or professional in the field
36. Have teachers keep a reflective log or journal
37. Analyze and publish the expectations of statewide assessments
38. Invite guest subject experts
39. View educational videos
40. Have teachers maintain a professional portfolio
41. Study state content standards
42. Have staff observe other teachers teaching
43. Listen to video/audio recordings
44. Participate in a videoconference or conference calls with experts
45. Develop curriculum
46. Work on school improvement planning
47. Examine new technological resources to supplement lessons
48. Get observed and receive feedback from another teacher or principal
49. Participate in lesson study
50. Work on a strategic planning team