

Scott County Board of Education

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1 **IN-SERVICE EDUCATION**

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3 In-service education¹ is a program of planned activities designed to increase the competencies needed by
4 all personnel in the performance of their responsibilities. Competencies are defined as the knowledge,
5 skills, and attitudes which enable personnel to perform their tasks with maximum effectiveness to increase
6 student achievement.

7 8 *Administrative and Supervisory Employees*

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10 Administrative and supervisory employees shall show evidence of continual professional growth by
11 attendance at in-service programs and institutes, studying professional literature, meeting with other
12 professionals for discussion, and otherwise keeping abreast of research in methodology, curriculum, and
13 student growth and development.

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15 Each principal and administrator shall be required to attend the principal-administrator academy for
16 instruction at least once every five (5) years.²

17 18 *Professional Employees*

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20 A system-wide in-service committee, composed of membership from a cross-section of other personnel,
21 shall assess system-wide needs, establish priorities, develop objectives, design activities, and evaluate
22 the in-service program.¹

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24 In-service credit shall not be given while performing duties which are required as part of regular teaching
25 assignments.

26 27 *Support Personnel*

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29 The immediate supervisors of support personnel shall be responsible for providing in-service trainings.
30 Absences to attend meetings relating to the employee's job description may be granted by the director
31 of schools without loss of pay to the employee.

32 33 **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM**

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35 Professional learning programs and activities shall reflect the Standards for Professional Learning³ (Learn-
36 ing Forward, 2011) as listed below and shall reflect the needs identified in school improvement plans.

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38 The Board may pay expenses of selected personnel who participate in the training sessions conducted
39 by the State Department of Education.

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41 The director of schools shall involve central office personnel and other employees as needed in develop-

1 ing the system-wide professional learning program and shall recommend it to the Board for approval.

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3 **Standards for Professional Learning**

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5 LEARNING COMMUNITIES: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results
6 for all students occurs within learning communities committed to continuous improvement, collective
7 responsibility, and goal alignment.

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9 LEADERSHIP: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for all students
10 requires skillful leaders who develop capacity, advocate, and create support systems for professional
11 learning.

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13 RESOURCES: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for all students
14 requires prioritizing, monitoring, and coordinating resources for educator learning.

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16 DATA: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for all students uses a
17 variety of sources and types of student, educator, and system data to plan, assess, and evaluate profes-
18 sional learning.

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20 LEARNING DESIGNS: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for all
21 students integrates theories, research, and models of human learning to achieve its intended outcomes.

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23 IMPLEMENTATION: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for all
24 students applies research on change and sustains support for implementation of professional learning
25 for long term change.

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27 OUTCOMES: Professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for all students
28 aligns its outcomes with educator performance and student curriculum standards.

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Legal References:

1. State Department of Education Guidelines for Planning Approvable In-service Education Activities; TCA 49-1-214; TCA 49-6-3004(c)(1)
2. TCA 49-5-5703 (a)
3. Tennessee State Board of Education Policy 5.200, *Professional Development*

Cross References:

- School Calendar 1.800
- Curriculum Development 4.200
- Reporting Student Progress 4.601