

Professional Development Requirements Under SB 1133 Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA)

Requirements for Teachers and Instructional Paraprofessionals

1. Schools are required to provide professional development to at least one-third of teachers and instructional paraprofessionals annually for each of the first three years of the program. After the first three years, teachers at QEIA schools shall participate in 40 hours of professional development annually.
2. Professional Development must be provided by the district or school site council which:
 - is developed in a collaborative process with interested parties
 - is articulated in an improvement plan
 - combines school activities such as lesson study or co-teaching with external learning opportunities which meets the following criteria:
 - are related to the subject matter taught
 - provide time to meet and work with other teachers
 - support instruction and pupil learning to improve instruction in a manner that is consistent with academic content standards
 - include an average of 40 hours per teacher per year
3. Professional Development activities may include:
 - collaboration time for teachers to develop lessons or analyze student data
 - mentoring projects for new teachers
 - support for teachers to improve practice
4. Professional Development for teachers of self-contained classes shall include content in mathematics, science, English/language arts, reading, and English Language development.
5. Professional Development for teachers in departmentalized classes shall include the specific content area and English language development.
6. Professional Development provided shall be similar in quality and rigor to training provided under AB 466/SB 472.

Requirements for Administrators

1. The school district shall provide for high quality professional development for each administrator through:
 - leadership training
 - coaching
 - mentoring
2. Professional Development shall be similar in quality and rigor to the Administrator Training Program.