

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Layering self-improvement and technological mastery makes for a memorable side-dish that teachers will rave about.

Ingredients

1 DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT SERVES AS A COMMUNICATION HUB • 1 BOLD TEACHER EAGER TO LEARN
A BUSHEL OF SUPPORT EXPERTS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING STUDENT TEACHER OUTCOMES

Directions

1. **Determine your goals** for your professional development initiatives on technology use. Identify your district requirements, knowledge gaps, and what subjects you want to focus on.
2. **Survey students for their input.** Get a sense of expectations and which areas of your improvement will help foster their own learning achievements.
3. Do your research before investing in tech to be sure you're partnering with **providers who offer in-person training** and 24-7 online support. Work with your tech support team to develop a personalized instructional program designed to fit your specific needs.
4. Don't try to learn too much at once. Overloading yourself with too much information will ensure quick burnout. Pace yourself by **starting with simple functionality** and working your way up to more advanced features.
5. Establish a **professional development hub** that provides a variety of tools for collaboration, like discussion boards and conference capability, and that also lets you easily store and share digital resources for sharing or for your own reference.

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