



YES Prep North Central

Professional Development Calendar 2008-2009



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 1ST SEMESTER

Date	PD Topic	Instructional Focus Area(s)
August		
August Inservice Days	Rationale for the Instructional Focus Areas for 2008-2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summative assessment best practices and implementation of the Middle Years International Baccalaureate Programme 	Assessment and International Baccalaureate
	Overview of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme and rationale for implementation	IB
	IB Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Areas of Interaction</u>-what are they and how do I use them to unit plan? ▪ <u>Internationalism</u>-best practices for making international connections ▪ <u>The IB Learner Profile</u>-how does it connect to the YES North Central mission statement and practices already in place? 	IB
	Long Term Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expectations for long term planning ▪ Template: Course Outline ▪ Work time in content teams (instructors teaching the same course) 	IB
	Curriculum Mapping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expectations for horizontal planning ▪ Template: Curriculum Map ▪ Work time in grade levels 	IB
	Unit Planning and Project Descriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expectations for unit planning and creating summative assessments ▪ Templates: Unit planning and project description templates ▪ Work time in departments 	IB and Assessment
	Lesson Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expectations for lesson planning ▪ Templates: daily lesson planning template and the weekly lesson planning template ▪ Work time in content teams 	IB and Assessment
	Team Teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expectations for 6th and 7th grade teachers 	IB
	Department meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of YES North Central Instructional Handbook ▪ Goal setting in departments 	IB and Assessment



September		
September 3rd	*New Teacher District Meeting Department meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewing the project description template ▪ Work time in departments 	Assessment
September 10th	Professional Development Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Success of Southwest Airlines: A comparison between companies 	
September 17th - October 1st	No Professional Development due to Hurricane Ike	
October		
October 8th	The North Central Teacher Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the Teacher Summative Rubric (TSR) ▪ Different types of observations: full observations, walk-through observations, and instructional snapshots ▪ Overview of the Teacher Portfolio Department meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A closer look at the TSR ▪ Goal setting based on the TSR 	Assessment
October 15th	Planning Units Through the Areas of Interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work time in grade levels 	IB
October 22nd	*New Teacher District Meeting Planning Units Through the Areas of Interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work time in grade levels 	IB
October 29th	Department meetings (varied topics based on the department)	Assessment
November		
November 5th	Planning Units with the Subject Area Guides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work time in departments 	IB
November 12th	*New Teacher District Meeting No PD	
November 19th	Department meetings (varied topics based on the department)	Assessment
December		
December 3rd	Mental Health Day	
December 10th	New Teacher District Meeting	
December 17th	Department meetings (reflection on Semester 1)	IB and Assessment



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2ND SEMESTER

Date	PD Topic	Instructional Focus Area(s)
January		
January 5 th PD day	Overview of PD for 2nd semester IB Continuum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Differentiated IB implementation expectations based on teacher experience Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Benchmark Procedures	IB and Assessment
TAKS benchmark day(s)	Off campus department meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unit planning in departments using the YES Area of Interaction Guide ▪ Overview of assessment rubrics ▪ 2nd semester goal: Every instructor will receive a proficient or mastery rating on either the Traditional Assessment Rubric or the Project Assessment Rubric 	IB and Assessment
January 7 th	*District new teacher training Preparation for the IB Mock Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the schedule ▪ Questions teachers will be asked by the visitors 	IB
January 14 th	Student Portfolios <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expectations and student handouts ▪ Connection to Areas of Interaction ▪ Work time in grade levels to revise student handouts Advisory Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addressing student concerns in weekly advisory lessons 	IB and Assessment
Week of January 19 th	Week of observations focused on student-centered instruction *All teachers signed up to observe at least 3 designated instructors throughout the week	IB
January 21 st	District content team meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating rigorous district summative assessments 	Assessment
January 28 th	2nd PD Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teacher mini workshops on best practices for student-centered instruction 	IB
January 29 th	Mock IB Visit	IB
February		
February 4 th	*District new teacher training 10th grade IB meeting with IB Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specific expectations for level 5 (10th grade) instructors 	IB
February 11 th	Debrief of IB Mock Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is our school doing well? ▪ What do we need to improve before the visit? 	IB



February 18 th	Department meetings (varied topics depending on the department) Advisory Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addressing student concerns in weekly advisory lessons 	Assessment
February 25 th	Mental Health Day	
March		
March 4 th	District new teacher training Preparation for the IB Authorization Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilize the checklist to prepare your classroom for the visit 	IB
March 11 th	Department meetings (varied topics depending on the department)	Assessment
March 25 th	Department meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessment protocol and work time 	Assessment
April		
April 1 st	*District new teacher training	
April 8 th	NO PD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small group remediation in preparation for state testing 	Assessment
April 15 th	NO PD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small group remediation in preparation for state testing 	Assessment
April 22 nd	No PD	TAKS Testing
April 29 th	Department meetings (varied topics depending on the department)	Assessment
May		
May 6 th	Student portfolio presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of schedule ▪ Student presentation rubrics 	Assessment
May 13 th	Home visits of all new YES North Central students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directions on how to conduct a home visit 	
May 20 th	Teacher Portfolio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of expectations ▪ Work time 	Assessment
May 27 th	End of year checkout procedures	

