



Professional Development Center 2026 Summer Schedule

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Program	Course Number/ Semester	Title/Instructor	Dates	Course Description
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6053 WB Online 26/SS	Engaging Learners in Collaborative Online Learning Instructor: Dr. Brian Pipech	May 19, 2026 - August 8, 2026 <u>Synchronous & Asynchronous Online</u> Synchronous Zoom Times: Tuesdays 4:00pm-6:30pm *Additional Assignments Required	Would you like to learn how to build a robust online collaborative environment to serve your students? This course will support and empower classroom teachers to harness the power of online technologies like blogs, podcasts, and wikis for student engagement and learning. Course participants will experience the web as more than a source of information, but instead as a means of constructing new knowledge through conversation, networking, and collaboration. The focus will be on currently available tools and how to effectively utilize these resources for student research, writing, collaboration and learning
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6019 WB Online 26/S1	Behind the Curtain Instructors: Dr. Brian Pipech	May 18, 2026 - June 26, 2026 <u>Synchronous & Asynchronous Online</u> Synchronous Zoom Times: Mondays 4:00pm-6:30pm *Additional Assignments Required	This course is designed to give educators a behind the scenes look as to why school districts do things certain ways. In this course we will look at funding streams and limitations/requirements, school law, court cases and analysis, professional development, basic education subsidy, policy and current trends and issues in education that affect the daily operations of the school. The laws and court cases will examine on contemporary issues with consideration given to historical perspectives, accountability issues and future trends in the American Education system. We will also examine how to reach out and engage the community to support school and district initiatives.
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6039 WB Online 26/S1	Cross Curricular Learning Instructor: Mr. Sean McLaughlin	May 18, 2026 - July 3, 2026 Online *Additional Moodle Assignments Required	This course will explore how a cross curricular approach can be used to achieve student success. Through project-based learning, flipped classroom approaches, and cross curricular assignments, students learn the skills they need to become effective and successful learners and communicators prepared for the challenges of post-secondary education and careers.
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6046 WB Online 26/S1	How Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing and Challenging Today's Classrooms Instructor: Mr. Sean McLaughlin	May 18, 2026 - July 3, 2026 Online *Additional Moodle Assignments Required	This course will provide teachers with the basic knowledge needed to effectively integrate artificial intelligence (AI) into their everyday teaching and learning activities. Teachers will utilize different AI tools to develop lesson plans, communicate with parents, develop assessment instruments, minimize grading time, and enhance student engagement. In addition, they will be able to differentiate between different levels of AI, its development, limitations, and ethical considerations.



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Professional Development Center	EDUC 6050 WB Online 26/S1	Best Practices for Effective Classroom Technology Integration Instructor: Ms. Jill Herron	May 18, 2026 - June 26, 2026 Synchronous & Asynchronous Online <u>Synchronous Zoom Times:</u> Wednesdays 5:00pm-7:45pm *Additional Assignments Required	This course will focus on the integration of technology into the classroom, primarily at the elementary level (K-6). The role technology plays in classroom instruction will be discussed, along with ways this integration can help facilitate effective classroom management. Best practices on how to incorporate technology to supplement student learning will be explored, in addition to ways technology can increase student attention, address the diverse needs of all students and learning styles, and provide effective differentiated instruction.
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6052 Online 26/S1	Culturally Responsive Teaching Instructor: Ms. Tara Bruza	May 18, 2026 - June 26, 2026 Synchronous & Asynchronous Online <u>Synchronous Zoom Times:</u> TBA *Additional Assignments Required	In this course we will look at the different customs, characteristics, experiences, and perspectives of the diverse student population and how that might impact teaching and learning. Teachers will build an understanding of different cultures and learn strategies to enhance their teaching to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom.
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6066 Online 26/S1	Leadership and Followership in Education Instructor: Ms. Shawn Loyack	May 18, 2026 - June 26, 2026 Synchronous & Asynchronous Online <u>Synchronous Zoom Times:</u> Mondays TBA *Additional Assignments Required	The course content focuses on leadership and followership and how it relates to roles within the field of education. The course content includes a critical analysis of contemporary leadership theory. Leadership and followership models will be explored stressing the interrelated nature of the leader-follower relationship. Current challenges facing educational leaders are studied, analyzed, and evaluated using the leadership theory discussed in the course. The current literature and research on leadership in education is examined and analyzed. Educators will be encouraged through this course to consider their current leadership roles and how to apply leadership theory to maximize their effectiveness
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6025 WB Online 26/S2	Behind the Curtain Take 2 Instructors: Dr. Brian Pipech & Daniel Malloy	June 29, 2026 - August 7, 2026 <u>Synchronous & Asynchronous Online</u> Synchronous Zoom Times: Mondays 4:00pm-6:30pm *Additional Assignments Required	This course is designed to give educators a deeper behind the scenes look as to why school districts and the central office do things certain ways. In this course we will look at the budget process, curriculum adoption, current education initiatives, unfunded mandates, professional development, policy, acts and regulations that tie in with daily operations (House bills, court cases, etc.). We will also examine how to reach out and engage the community to support school and district initiatives as well as create organizational change in your school.



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Professional Development Center	EDUC 6035 WB Online 26/S2	Math Anxiety Instructor: Mr. Brian Palladino	June 29, 2026 - August 7, 2026 <u>Synchronous & Asynchronous Online</u> Synchronous Zoom Times: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - 9:00am-1:00pm Wednesday, July 8, 2026 - 9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday, July 28, 2026 -9:00am-1:00pm Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 9:00am-1:00pm *Additional Moodle Assignments Required	Mathematics anxiety has been an identified plague upon student's ability to grow and develop their math skills for decades. Participating teachers will learn how math anxiety impacts their students, what it can look like to an observer, and explore a cornucopia of techniques that can be used to assist students struggling with math anxiety. Teachers will evaluate previous research, select resources, learn to cultivate a math-centric culture, and develop lessons designed around assisting students with math anxiety. These lessons will be presented to the classroom, and the plans will be distributed for all teachers to use as a resource in their classrooms.
Professional Development Center	EDUC 6041 WB Online 26/S2	21st Century Athletic Coaching: Instruction, Program Leadership, and Effective Communication Instructor: Mr. Sean McLaughlin	June 29, 2026 - August 7, 2026 Online *Additional Moodle Assignments Required	In today's increasingly difficult middle and high school coaching climate, coaches need to be more prepared than ever for the demands of the profession. Topics will include: practice planning, budgets, program organization, booster clubs, working with potentially difficult stakeholders (teachers, parents, school boards, administration, and players), and pros and cons of social media. Course instructor is Sean McLaughlin, Principal, Fairview Elementary School. Sean has led athletic programs as a school administrator at two school districts and has coached multiple sports at the varsity level to championships.