Professional Learning Platform (PLP)

A comprehensive approach to providing personalized professional learning to all educators

Knowledge Management | Synchronous and Asynchronous Collaboration | Virtual Learning Communities | Coaching Tools

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Save money, increase efficiency, and have more impact on teacher effectiveness and student achievement outcomes.

Learn what educators and district staff from across the country are saying about PLP

Improve coaching effectiveness and track the fidelity to your coaching model

- Get visibility into coaching work streams by tracking caseloads and monitoring engagements
- Support coach and teacher engagement – host online discussions, annotate videos of practice, share best-practices, and collaborate synchronously
- Monitor coaching engagements, assignments, and activity towards district, school or personal goals

Instructional coaches can quickly see their caseload and plan their coaching for the week, connect to their teachers, share resources with them, and annotate videos of classroom teaching and provide comments on their lesson plans.

Unlock and maximize the value of teacher talent, knowledge, and experience

- Empower and motivate teachers to share resources and learn from their colleagues
- Recognize and reward teachers for sharing best-practices, collaborating, and earning badges
- Create a supportive informal learning network using real-time collaboration tools and online professional learning communities

Teachers can share their resources and knowledge, making their school district community much more collaborative and supportive of each other's growth as educators.

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Share district resources and expertise

- Share organizational knowledge and PD resources with course authoring and resource sharing tools
- Build online courses around district initiatives and use synchronous collaboration tools to conduct expert-led PD events
- Integrate existing district resources into one centralized digital repository

Districts are provided with tools that allows educators to easily create online courses, share district resources and move beyond one-off workshops across the district.

Personalize learning for teachers with algorithms that recommend resources, learning groups, and experts

- Personalize learning with content, groups, and social recommendations based on profile
- Get personalized recommendations based on professional learning goals and self-assessments
- Receive recommendations based on usage, content ratings, user profile, learning goals and assessments

Every time educators log into PLP, they can discover more amazing video lessons. PLP recommends great content based on how the system is used. Educators can even connect with their colleagues or join relevant learning groups targeted to their needs and interests.

Help all district staff meet job-required compliance training with partner or district created courses and community communications

- Build a centralized online employee safety and compliance training system with applicable courses and training materials
- Create district-wide and role-based trainings, and centralize communications and compliance needs
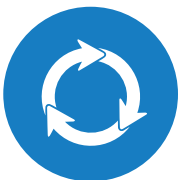- Monitor and track training completion and policy acceptance with compliance reports

Districts can save considerable money by providing a centralized online training system for all staff and track progress and completion of mandatory compliance courses.

Consolidate all aspects of professional learning into one platform

- Integrate existing digital resources into a centralized PLP library using an Application Program Interface(API) or import tools
- Import teacher observation data so teachers and their coaches can establish appropriate learning goals and professional development plans
- Track course performance and completion in existing HR, PD, and performance management systems

PLP APIs and import tools help districts consolidate online content into one searchable platform. Districts can also save money by eliminating redundant tools and simplify training of their teachers on one platform.

Extend existing professional development programs and provide ongoing support for teachers as they implement new skills and strategies

- Take depth-level courses, compliance training, or watch video lessons
- Collaborate with coaches and peers across the district on one platform
- Motivate and engage staff with a professional learning environment that supports learning and development
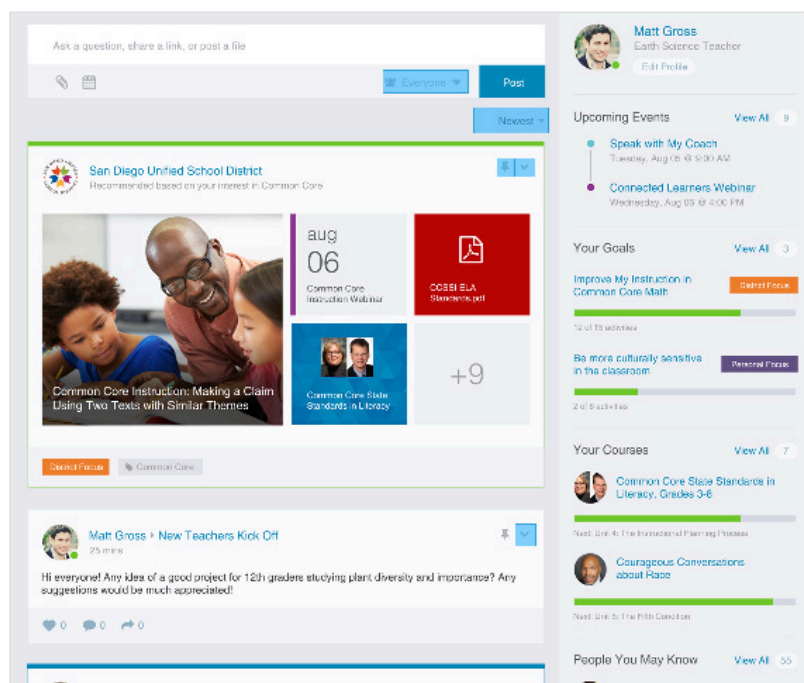
PD can now be aligned and scalable across the district — teachers can collaborate with their peers & experts as they implement new practices in their classrooms.

PLP delivers **high-quality content and resources** combined with **powerful coaching, mentoring, and collaborative experiences –** all in one centralized place.

"Research suggests there is an exceptionally strong relationship between communal learning, collegiality, and collective action and changes in teacher practice and increases in student learning."

- Dunne, F., Nave, B., & Lewis, A. (2000). Critical friends: Teachers helping to improve student learning. Phi Delta Kappa International Research Bulletin (CEDR) (28), 9-12.

All of your professional learning in one place

- ✓ On demand high-quality content
- ✓ Community shared lessons and resources
- ✓ Virtual communities of practice
- ✓ Social networking
- ✓ Synchronous collaboration
- ✓ Course authoring and delivery
- ✓ Coaching and mentoring
- ✓ Professional learning plans
- ✓ Reporting and analytics
- ✓ Integration and interoperability
- ✓ Designed for mobile
- ✓ Badging

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On demand high-quality content

PLP provides on-demand access to curated and user-contributed professional learning resources.

- Over 600 curated video lessons
- Course Authoring Tool for district created courses
- Community-uploaded resources, videos, lessons, and documents
- PD content aligned to custom teaching frameworks
- Ability to integrate with district content repositories and 3rd party platforms

Coaching and mentoring

PLP connects teachers with coaches, mentors, and experts in a collaborative and supportive learning environment.

- Coach dashboard provides quick access to all key coaching information
- Coaches and teachers can set goals aligned to district and school goals
- Assessments and observations help to personalize the learning experience
- Teachers and coaches have virtual collaboration space to share resources, annotate classroom videos or lessons, and engage online and 3rd party platforms

Virtual communities of practice collaboration

PLP connects your entire staff in a supportive informal learning environment, with groups, chat, virtual meetings, and connections to experts and peers.

- Synchronous collaboration tools connect your staff through instant messaging, and virtual meetings including desktop sharing, white boarding, and video
- Virtual communities of practice enable groups to engage in discussions, share resources, and schedule online meetings
- Social networking allows users to connect with experts and peers and 3rd party platforms

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Professional learning plans

PLP helps teachers develop professional learning plans to establish short and long term plans for professional learning and implementation of newly acquired skills, aligned to personal, school, and district goals.

- Goal setting based on learning needs aligned to personal, school, and district priorities
- Collaboration and tracking tools help coaches support and monitor active leaning plans
- Badges encourage the completion of activities and tasks, motivating teachers as they reach their goals
- Includes self-assessments and allows import of other measures, configurable to custom learning frameworks

Course authoring and delivery

PLP supports district and departmental PD needs and programs with Course Authoring Tools that enable you to create, publish, and manage online courses delivered in the eClassroom.

- Create and disseminate departmental PD modules
- Simple and effective online course creation and publishing tools
- Create badges or approve PD modules for certification of completed work
- Workflow includes authoring, editing, sharing, and approval

Comprehensive reporting

PLP reporting provides role-based information that helps district and school-based leaders monitor and track information about course performance, user activity, resource usage, learning plan completions, coaching engagements, badges, and credentials earned.

- Track user data through executive dashboard
- Access trends and popular resources across the district
- Monitor coaching programs and engagements
- Access course progress, performance, and credits earned
- Save and print reports
- View by district, school, or date

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PLP technical and security overview

PLP provides school districts with safe, secure, reliable access.

- PLP's cloud-based applications are designed and developed to industry standards
- Open and interoperable Representational State Transfer (REST) APIs
- Dynamically scalable hosting environment with guaranteed uptime
- Supports mobile with responsive web-design
- All PLP user data is stored in highly stable, secure, and geographically diverse data centers
- PLP data is backed up redundantly (every day). In case of emergency or disaster, data is recovered from cloud-based servers or from our own off-site backup

End user requirements

- Support for all major browsers (Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox)
- Microsoft Office 365 or Google Hangouts is required for synchronous collaboration tools
- Flash Player 10.3 or higher (for older browsers that do not support HTML5)
- Adobe Reader (or equivalent) for viewing PDFs

PLP technical integrations

PLP connects to your IT ecosystem using open APIs that help leverage the investments your district has already made.

Identity and access management

- Authenticate using existing directory services, allowing users to access PLP with their district username and password

Multimedia integrations

- Upload and manage content in PLP for unified search using PLP's content management system (CMS)
- Integrate with 3rd party digital resource platforms for unified search by leveraging PLP APIs

Observation and assessment data

- Import teacher assessment and observation data to support personalization and recommendations

PD management

- Integrate with Performance or PD Management systems to track course progress, completion, and Continuing Education Unit (CEU) awards

Teaching framework loading and alignment

- Load custom teaching frameworks used for self-assessments, imported assessment results, and professional learning plan goal alignment
- Align resources to custom district frameworks

Contact us today at (800) 728-0032 or onlinepl@pcgus.com for more information about PLP and how it can benefit teachers, students, and staff across your school and district.