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The Board of Trustees recognizes that professional development opportunities enhance employee effectiveness and contribute to personal growth. Staff development for management, supervisory and confidential personnel shall be designed to guide instructional improvement, build leadership skills, and enhance overall management efficiency.

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan for administrator support and development activities based on a systematic assessment of the needs of District students and staff and aligned to the District's vision and goals, local control and accountability plan, and other comprehensive plans.

The District's staff development program for District and school administrators may include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- 1. Personnel management, including best practices on hiring, recruitment, assignment, and retention of staff
- (cf. 4111/4211/4311 Recruitment and Selection)
- (cf. 4112.24 Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)
- (cf. 4113 Assignment)
- 2. Effective fiscal management and accountability practices
- (cf. 3100 Budget)
- (cf. 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability)
- 3. Academic standards and standards-aligned curriculum and instructional materials
- (cf. 6011 Academic Standards)
- (cf. 6141 Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
- (cf. 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
- 4. Leadership training to improve the academic achievement of all students, including capacity building in pedagogies of learning, instructional strategies that meet the varied learning needs of students, and student motivation
- 5. The use of student assessments, including analysis of disaggregated assessment results to identify needs and progress of student subgroups
- (cf. 6162.5 Student Assessment)
- (cf. 6162.51 State Academic Achievement Tests)
- (cf. 6162.52 High School Exit Examination)

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- 6. The use of technology to improve student performance and District operations
- (cf. 0440 District Technology Plan)
- 7. Creation of safe and inclusive school environments
- (cf. 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
- (cf. 5137 Positive School Climate)
- 8. Parental involvement and community collaboration
- (cf. 1240 Volunteer Assistance)
- (cf. 6020 Parent Involvement)
- 9. Employee relations
- 10. Effective school and District planning processes

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the benefit to staff and students of professional development activities.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44681-44689.2 Administrator training and evaluation 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

Management Resources:

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