

2018-2019 School Year November 21, 2018, In-service Day Exchange Time Requirement

Starting with the 2018-2019 school year, teachers will be required to earn 6 hours of exchange time in order to exchange out of the November in-service day, which is the in-service day before Thanksgiving. During 2018, the November in-service day falls on November 21, 2018.

Teachers have requested options to earn exchange time that could be used for the November in-service day. Therefore, several options to earn exchange time for the November in-service day have been created. These various options to earn exchange time for the November in-service day include:

- Summer Professional Development Sessions (please see the attached list of Summer 2018 PD Sessions)
- After school one hour PD sessions to be offered at each building during the Fall of 2018
- Curriculum work that has been approved by the curriculum office supervisors or directors
- Kyte Learning* online professional development sessions, to be available in July or early August of 2018
- Carry over exchange time that was previously earned

These various options for teachers to earn exchange time will provide teacher choice in fulfilling the 6 hours needed to exchange out of the November 2018 in-service day. With these PD and curriculum options, teachers will also have the opportunity to personalize their PD and curriculum contributions by choosing the offerings and/or the curriculum work that best meet their needs.

*[Kyte Learning](#) is an online professional development platform with a large video library of ed-tech tools that can be applied in the classroom. Using Kyte Learning, teachers can choose the technology training and the level of instruction they want to learn. The Curriculum Office will be purchasing the Kyte Learning platform during July of 2018 and will email out to all teachers in the District additional information about Kyte Learning, how to register, how to login, and how to use Kyte Learning during the end of July or early August 2018. That way, teachers who want to try out Kyte Learning during the summer of 2018 may do so, and their hours for both Act 48 and Exchange Time will be automatically registered through the Kyte Learning platform. Also, Kyte Learning will continue to be available for teacher use for PD and for exchange time throughout the school year.

With these various teacher choice professional development and curriculum options, teachers will be able to personalize their PD and curriculum work to meet their needs as well as fulfill their November in-service requirement for professional development.