

Announcing the eMBEDDED LEARNING Academy

A new professional development opportunity is available to your district!

The PA Department of Education is sponsoring a professional development opportunity for all PA school districts through the eMBEDDED LEARNING Academy during the 08-09 school year. *This professional development system is available at not cost to the district.*

The eMBEDDED LEARNING Academy is a comprehensive system of professional development provided at no cost to school districts by the PA Department of Education. Please see the attached document 'The eMBEDDED LEARNING Academy: A Professional Development System' for more information on the eMBEDDED LEARNING Academy.

Districts who participate during the 08-09 school year will have access to manage teacher accounts and study groups within their district using the free, web based Learning Management System (LMS). The K-3 early literacy online course series will be available through the LMS along with a wide variety of self-study online courses.

This free professional development opportunity includes:

- Learning Management System (LMS)
- Access to K-3 Early Literacy Course Series: the courses consist of job embedded activities, reflection activities, discussions, content focused articles, and a culminating activity based on the strategies presented in the module.
 - 12-15 hour courses provide districts and schools with the flexibility to determine when and how professional development courses are completed
 - Self-directed study groups - no need for an online facilitator/coach
 - Classroom look-for videos – exemplary PA teachers demonstrate effective instructional practices
 - Activity breakdowns for each course allows schools to plan and schedule module activities around available professional development time
 - Teachers earn Act 48 hours for each completed course
 - For complete Early Literacy course list, please see attached course availability schedule.
- Informational webinar to demonstrate the LMS, courses and to help you decide if this professional development option is right for your district
- Three regional technical trainings to help you plan and manage the eMBEDDED LEARNING Academy Learning Management System (LMS).
- Ongoing customer service to help support you through the implementation and courses

This state wide professional development opportunity is completely voluntary and open to any Pennsylvania school district.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.embeddedlearningacademy.com/pde/els/>, email us (els_cs@embeddedlearningacademy.com) or call 1-877-574-1638.

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