

# **Instructional and Professional Development**

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## **New Teacher Induction Program:**

Any teacher who was hired this year after the induction week must attend classes that are offered through the BCIU to replace missed sessions from induction week. Please see attached flyer. Next last two sessions are March 5 and April 7! When signing up, mark that the district will pay the fee. Also, make sure to follow your New Teacher Induction Program packet to make sure you are meeting all the requirements of the program.

## **Clearances:**

Reading School District requires updated clearances upon hire and then every five years after that. This change began in 2015. It is your responsibility to maintain your clearances and keep them up to date (within five years). If you have questions regarding this, you can contact Linda Pelker [pelkerLL@readingsd.org](mailto:pelkerLL@readingsd.org). Mrs. Pelker sent emails to people who have clearances expiring in 2020 in November. It is suggested you scan your clearances and email them. Please refer to the RSD Handbook for more information.

## **Frontline Professional Growth:**

Sign up for professional development sessions at least one day early on Frontline. If you are not signed up online, you will not receive the credits. Additionally, all courses must be marked completed in order to receive credit. Any issues with Frontline should be directed to Sheryl Clemens.

## **Act 48:**

It is your responsibility to make sure that your Act 48 hours are up to date. You should periodically check your Act 48 hours using the following website:

<https://www.perms.ed.state.pa.us/screens/wfpublicaccess.aspx>

## **Level 2 Certification:**

Employees are responsible for applying for their Level 2 certification before 6 years of service. Level 2s take a long time to process, so make sure you apply early! Visit the REA website for links to information about Level 2 certification. I can also assist you with any questions you may have.

## **In-Service and Act 80 Days:**

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for professional development topics for future in-service days or if you have any instructional concerns.

Feel free to contact me at [seckenrod@comcast.net](mailto:seckenrod@comcast.net) with any questions!