

Professional Development Update



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Upcoming Professional Development Dates:

January 2, 2023- Inservice Day #6

February 17, 2023- Act 80 Day

March 20, 2023 – Act 80 Day

June 7, 2023 – Act 80 Day

- **The Induction Committee will continue to host New Teachers after school for new teachers to collaborate with one another about their first year, to set goals. Keep an eye out for emails with the dates and locations. Hours will count towards Induction.**

- **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. It is suggested you scan your clearances and email them. Please refer to the RSD Handbook <https://www.readingea.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/RSD-Employee-Handbook.pdf> for more information.

- **Frontline Professional Growth:**

Remember to 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, each course contains a Learning Experience evaluation. It must be completed and **marked** completed to receive credit.

- **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 Level 2 certification **prior to 6 years** of service. Level 2 certifications take a long time to process, so be sure you apply early! Visit the REA website <https://www.readingea.com/> for links to information about Level 2 certification. For questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

- **Ideas or Suggestions for In-Service or Act 80?**

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.

- **Additional Certification and Professional Development Information**

Check the PSEA website <https://www.psea.org/> in the **For Members** drop down for professional development opportunities and certification information!

Feel free to contact me at vichalf1@gmail.com with any questions!

Respectfully, Vicki

Have a Happy New Year!!

