

Rains ISD Staff Development 2017-18
Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many days do I need in order to earn my district compensatory days?

In the 2017- 2018 school year, all employees on a contract less than 200 days must complete 18 hours (3 days) of staff development in order to have 3 compensatory days. Six hours of the 18 hours must be technology. Those not completing 18 hours will be docked on the June paycheck. All 18 hours must be completed by August 11, 2017. If hired after August 11, please contact the curriculum office.

2. What is NOT acceptable for the purpose of earning credit for RISD distinguished PD days?

- Teaching summer school or administering state assessments
- Attending college course (unless approved by Jennifer Johnson & Campus Principal)
- Vacation travel or trips during the summer

3. How do I register for the courses listed in the staff development catalog?

If the staff development is locally offered (i.e. only for Rains ISD personnel), please register through the link provided in the information section of the workshop located in the staff development catalog. (Example: Link to RISD Tech Thursday, 5/31) If the staff development is through Region 7 or Region 10, please register through Region 7 at <https://misweb.esc7.net> or Region 10 at <https://www.region10.org>

4. How do I create a login for Region 7?

Go to <https://misweb.esc7.net> Select "Create Account". Complete the required information and continue following the steps until account is created.

5. What if I have forgotten my Username or Password for Region 7?

Go to <https://misweb.esc7.net> and click on LOG IN/MY DASHBOARD. Follow the steps to retrieve the information needed for sign in.

6. How do I create a login for Region 10?

Go to www.region10.org Select the "Login" link. On the login page, select "Create an account here." Complete the required information for step 1 and step 2. Your account will be created immediately.

7. What if I have forgotten my password for Region 10?

Go to www.region10.org Select the "Login" link. On the login page, enter your email address in the box provided under "Forgotten Password." Click on "Get Password".

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8. If a course through Region 10 is wait-listed, what do I need to do?

If a course is wait-listed, you may still register for it and wait to see if another person cancels so that you can attend in their place. However, there is no guarantee that you will be able to attend that particular staff development. As a result, it is recommended you register for another staff development in the event that you cannot attend your first choice. If you will not be attending a session you signed up for, please make sure you un-enroll as a courtesy.

9. What does it mean when the staff development is held at a "cluster location"?

Region 10 is offering professional development sessions this summer at various locations around the region. These are called "cluster locations" and they are open to educators in Region 10, not just the host district's teachers. The purpose is to try to host Region 10 workshops at locations that are more convenient for Region 10 educators.

10. If I am earning my GT and/ or ESL certification this year, can I count those days toward my professional development hours?

Yes, any pre-approved staff development hours earned will count toward professional development. In order to meet the needs of all students, staff members need to be trained and/or certified in gifted education, ESL and ELPS.

11. How do I get my 6 hour gifted education (GT) update?

GT update sessions and gifted training sessions for those seeking gifted certification are listed in the staff development catalog and Region 10 website. www.region10.org

12. What if I want to register for a course that is not listed in the district staff development catalog?

If you would like to attend a staff development that is not listed on the district approved staff development catalog, you must get prior approval from your principal if it is to be counted as a Professional Development credit. Additional hours do not require principal approval but should relate to your teaching assignment and/or be focused on technology.

13. What documentation do I need to have for professional development?

Once training has been completed, teachers/employees are responsible for turning in documentation to their campus principal or supervisor. Certificates for attendance of professional development through the district will be provided by the curriculum office. Outside presenters (Region 7 or Region 10) will provide certificates.

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14. What happens if I do not complete my annual compliance trainings?

Failure to complete annual compliance training may result in disciplinary action. This training requirement is needed for consideration of a “developing” or higher rating on Dimension 4.3 on the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System.

15. What happens if I do not complete the 18 hours of comp time?

Those not completing 18 hours will be docked pay on the June paycheck. All 18 hours must be completed before August 11, 2017. If hired after August 11, please contact the curriculum office.