



Professional Learning for Teachers

Microsoft believes that education is the single most important investment in the future of individuals, communities, nations, and the world - that it is vital to sustainable social and economic success. It is also a fundamental human right. That's where Microsoft in Education can lend a hand. We help educators connect, collaborate, create, and share so that students can realize their greatest potential. We have the tools and the technology to help educators do what they do best: teaching kids and growing young minds.

Microsoft in Education resources align to three areas:

- **Teacher Effectiveness** – training and professional development that provide teachers the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills of effective teaching practices.
- **Microsoft Product Training** - the focus of these professional development academies is to build teachers' knowledge of Microsoft products such as OneNote and Windows 8 through the lens of supporting student learning.
- **Teacher Benefits** – these benefits recognize the professional growth of teachers. By completing just one course or attending a Microsoft-based training session at a conference, teachers can earn a badge on the international Partners in Learning Network or may earn a certification by passing the Microsoft Certified Educator (MCE) exam.

Teacher Effectiveness

Today's teachers have a tremendous opportunity to reach students more effectively by extending personalized instruction with new technologies and ways of working together. By utilizing resources available through Microsoft in Education, you can learn more in a way that works for you. These technology resources are designed to support teachers' professional learning from basic digital literacy to peer coaching and mentorship.

Digital Literacy

The Microsoft Digital Literacy online curriculum helps people develop and demonstrate a fundamental understanding of computers and productivity software. It is intended for anyone who wants to understand basic computer concepts and skills.

Teaching with Technology

The Microsoft Teaching with Technology online curriculum helps teachers move beyond learning technology tools to develop a deeper understanding of how technology integration can enhance the teaching and learning experience, give their students 21st Century skills, and save them time.

21st Century Learning Design

Microsoft has developed a design methodology that helps schools and teachers adopt 21st Century learning competencies that better serve, students, parents, and employers.

Peer Coaching

Utilizing technology, pedagogy and lesson design, peer coaching and ongoing mentorship are among the most impactful, effective and affordable professional development tools for educators.



Microsoft Product Training

Windows in the Classroom

This complimentary two-hour session helps educators explore Windows 8 devices and technologies available to help teach 21st century skills and optimize the classroom for advanced student achievement. It's a great starting point for any school considering or enhancing their 1-to-1 learning program, and it allows you to see the diversity of Microsoft software and devices applied to learning.

The following one-day (6-hour) workshops are designed to help teachers understand how to use a Microsoft product or features of a product to support teaching and learning.

Reimagine Teaching and Learning with Windows 8

Using Windows 8, you'll explore tools and technologies that energize and engage students. You'll learn how to get more out of the software you use every day. And you'll discover how the latest devices and software work together to unleash 21st century learning.

Get More out of Office 2013 with Office Web Apps and SkyDrive

Through the use of Microsoft Office Web Apps, students are able to meet the Common Core standards in comprehension and collaboration. By having access to Office Web Apps anytime, anywhere, students are able to organize and prepare for projects using OneNote, build on each other's ideas and provide peer reviews using Word, collect ideas through the Excel Survey tool, and present their learning using PowerPoint; all within a collaborative space in SkyDrive. Teachers will learn to utilize the free tools available to manage files, work collaboratively, and create a seamless transition between school and home.

In the Cloud: File Storage, Collaboration, and Communication with Office 365

Office 365 provides virtually anywhere access to familiar Office tools, free e-mail, shared team sites, online document editing and storage, instant messaging, as well as video conferencing for students, faculty, and staff - and it is free to your district! In this training, teachers will learn how to build class and team sites. Through Lync, teachers can meet virtually for parent conferences, team or student meetings, or to just touch base with struggling students. They will also learn strategies for staying organized, easily share files, and use SkyDrive's Office Web Apps.

The Ultimate Collaboration Tool: An Introduction to OneNote

With Microsoft OneNote, you can create digital notebooks that support academic standards and education outcomes across disciplines and tasks, such as writing, reading, mathematics, science, history, CTE, and elective courses. Students may use OneNote across content areas and grade levels, and use OneNote to compile and organize unstructured information, research, and content. OneNote also supports research, collaboration, information management, communication, note taking, reflective writing, and academic requirements.

Teacher Benefits

Recognition for professional growth is important. As a part of the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) program offerings, teachers may receive three benefits.

Badges

Teachers who complete either an online professional development course or in person training is eligible to receive the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) badge on that will be posted onto their profile page on the Partners in Learning Network.

Certificates

Teachers who complete either an in person training is eligible to receive the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Certificate of Learning. The certificate will include the number of professional development hours earned.

Certification

The Microsoft Certified Educator (MCE) certification validates that educators have the global educator technology literacy competencies needed to provide a rich, custom learning experience for students. Teachers who pass the MCE exam will receive a certification. Microsoft offers a comprehensive E-Learning curriculum, [Teaching with Technology](#), to help educators prepare for this rigorous exam.

For more teacher-related resources, visit www.pil-network.com.