

Crandall ISD Staff Development 2018-2019

Frequently Asked Questions

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

In the 2018-2019 school year, all employees on a contract less than 200 days must complete 24 hours (4 days) of staff development in order to have 4 exchange days. Those not completing 24 hours will need to take personal days to cover the time or be docked pay on the October and November paychecks. All 24 hours must be completed before August 7, 2018. If hired after August 7, please contact the curriculum office.

2. What are “distinguished professional development hours”?

Annually, all CISD professional staff members must obtain 24 hours (minimum) with at least 6 hours in technology (Bronze Level). This training requirement is needed for consideration of a “developing” or higher rating on Dimension 4.3 of the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS). Technology training will be available in the summer of 2018 and throughout the 2018-2019 school year either face to face or online. Information about the Distinguished Professional Development Plan (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond) is outlined below.

Guidelines for Earning CISD Distinguished Professional Development (PD) Hours 2018-2019

Additional distinguished professional development hours beyond the required Bronze Level (24 hours with at least 6 hours in technology) will enable staff to obtain higher levels in the CISD distinguished professional development program:

Bronze Level:	24 hours including a minimum of 6 hours of technology**
Silver Level:	36 hours including a minimum of 9 hours of technology
Gold Level:	48 hours including a minimum of 12 hours of technology
Platinum Level:	60 hours including a minimum of 15 hours of technology
Diamond Level:	72 hours including a minimum of 18 hours of technology

****All professional staff must reach at least the Bronze level.**

****All staff must complete required annual compliance trainings.**

Completion of these distinguished professional development hours will be reflected as part of the T-TESS documentation. Principals may choose to focus specific campus or individual staff development distinguished hours based upon district/campus need. Teachers are encouraged to select a goal for professional growth and then seek opportunities through professional development.

The following are not acceptable for the purpose of earning credit for CISD distinguished PD days:

- ◆ Teaching summer school;
- ◆ Attending college courses;
- ◆ Vacation travel or trips during the summer.

3. How do I register for the courses?

In the summer of 2018, CISD will offer staff development hours through our Crandall Pirates C.R.U.I.S.E. event, please register at www.piratescruise.sched.com. If the staff development is through Region 10, please register through Region 10 at <http://www.region10.org/>

4. 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.” Complete the required information. Your account will be created immediately.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. May I receive a stipend for “distinguished” professional development hours?

A stipend may be received for the distinguished hours, but not if exchange day credit is awarded for the same hours.

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

Yes, any staff development hours earned will count toward distinguished 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.

9. 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 Region 10 staff development offerings. www.region10.org

GT hours will also be offered during our Crandall Pirates C.R.U.I.S.E. event. www.piratescruise.sched.com

10. What if I want to register for a course that is not offered at the Crandall Pirates C.R.U.I.S.E. event?

If you would like to attend a staff development session that is not offered at the Crandall Pirates C.R.U.I.S.E. event, you must get prior approval from your principal if it is to be counted as Distinguished Professional Development credit. Additional hours should relate to your teaching assignment and/or be focused on technology.

The following events have been pre-approved by your principal:

Region 10 ESC Roadshow - <https://goo.gl/nJjph8>

Know Your Impact - <https://goo.gl/rAe65u>

Revolutionizing Learning - <http://www.rlchat.com/>

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

Once training has been completed, teachers/employees are responsible for updating their Eduphoria portfolio. If the teacher/employee registered for the training through Eduphoria or through the Crandall Pirates C.R.U.I.S.E. website, credit is automatically granted based on sign-in sheet records. For trainings that require registration through Region 10 or any other outside source, a certificate of completion for the training must be uploaded by the teacher/employee to his or her portfolio before credit will be granted. An E-course named “Adding Entries to Eduphoria Portfolio” is available in Eduphoria Workshop to assist with this process.

12. When can I earn my “distinguished” professional development hours?

Distinguished professional development hours can be earned from May 26, 2018 through April 1, 2019. Any credits entered in Eduphoria on or after April 2, 2019 will not count towards the 2018-19 distinguished professional development levels.

13. How many hours of technology training do I need to complete for the “distinguished” professional development hours?

Annually, all CISD professional staff members must obtain 24 staff development hours (minimum) with at least 6 of those hours in technology (Bronze Level). Additional technology hours are required and increase for levels beyond bronze.

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 24 hours of exchange time?

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