

# Professional Learning — At Your Fingertips

LEAD Conference 2017 | Session Materials

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Learn how to use the newest online resources, available through the *Ayers Institute for Teacher Learning & Innovation*, to **maximize professional learning for your school or district**. Explore podcasts, webinars, and the eduToolbox resource-sharing portal. Hear how other schools have used these tools to build capacity and understand how to incorporate these resources into a well-rounded professional development plan.

**SESSION LINKS:** <http://www.edutoolbox.org/node/453>

## Presentation slides: Professional Learning at Your Fingertips

<http://edutoolbox.org/node/453>

This SlideShare provides the slides used during the presentation at the LEAD Conference. Feel free to open this link and follow along on your personal device.

## Research report: Professional Learning Plans: A workbook for states, districts, and schools

<http://www.edutoolbox.org/rasp/4432>

Published by Learning Forward, this report provides a seven step "Backmapping model" for planning professional learning. The process starts with identifying student learning needs and progresses through analysis, goal setting, research, implementation planning, and implementation.

Killion, J. (2013). *Professional learning plans: A workbook for states, districts, and schools*. Oxford, OH: Learning Forward.

## Protocols: Professional Learning through Instructional Planning & Sharing

<http://www.edutoolbox.org/exclusives/protocols>

These planning protocols describe methods for creating high-quality academic resources that can be used in your professional practice and can be shared with other educators. The protocols make the educator's thinking visible and can be used as documentation of the application of professional learning.

**i One Better / One More**  
Instructional planning inspired by shared resources.

**i Standard to Success**  
Effective, standards-based planning for instruction.

## Webinars by Ayers Institute

### Web-based Seminar Sessions

<http://webinar.ayersinstitute.org>

This section of the Ayers Institute website provides access to the recordings of past Ayers Institute webinars. The webinar titles are listed under categories to assist those looking for content applicable to their own practice.

#### Categories include:

- Ayers Institute Resources
- Coaching
- College Access & Success
- Instructional Skills Development
- School Leadership

## Podcasts by Ayers Institute

### Ayers Institute Lunch & Learn (A.L.L.)

<http://podcast.ayersinstitute.org>

Podcasts are a convenient way to expand your knowledge and extend your personal learning network.

The "Ayers Institute Lunch & Learn" podcast provides bite-sized portions of professional learning. Each episode is 10-20 minutes long, focuses on a topic that is relevant to professional educators and concludes with a prompt to generate discussion within your community of practice.

**? What is a podcast?**  
<http://podcast.ayersinstitute.org/whatis.php>

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**i Professional learning guides for A.L.L.**  
<http://www.edutoolbox.org/podcast-all>

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## eduTOOLBOX

### Academic Resource-sharing Portal

<http://www.edutoolbox.org>

This website hosts a wealth of educational resources supporting academic success, including: units, lessons, task arcs, assessments, videos, and professional learning materials.

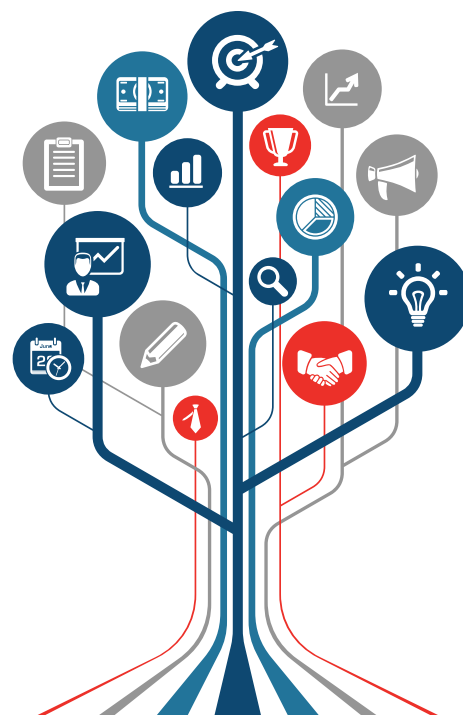
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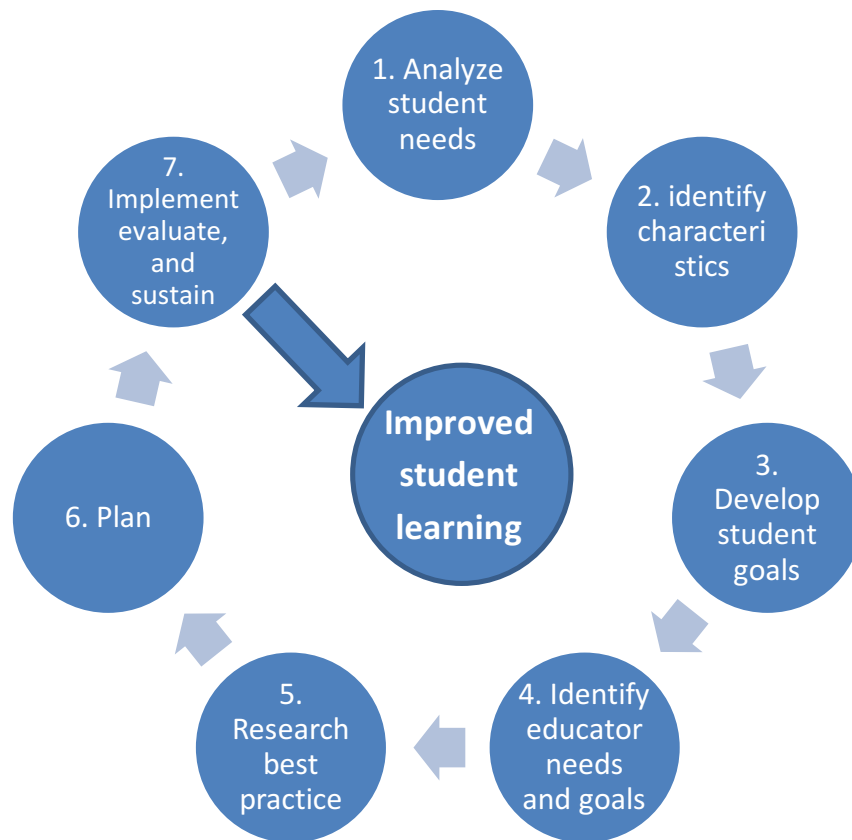
- Academic Standards Explorer
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**? How to create a free educator account**  
<http://www.edutoolbox.org/welcome>

**i About the eduTOOLBOX website**  
<https://goo.gl/fXRyRp>

**i eduTOOLBOX information handout**  
<https://goo.gl/mwzrzC>





## Core Elements of a Professional Learning Plan

- **Needs analysis**—needs emerge from data, not wishes
- **Goals**—many plans use the SMART goal format; typically stated as student outcomes
- **Objectives**—changes needed to meet the goals; typically, educator outcomes
- **Strategic actions/interventions**—what the district or school provides to accomplish needed change
- **Timeline**—when actions will be completed; helps to monitor progress
- **Responsible person(s)**—this is a point person(s) who typically facilitates team work
- **Indicators of success**—how to know if the goals or objectives are achieved
- **Measure of success**—evidence collected to demonstrate indicators of success
- **Evaluation plan**—how the school or district will reflect on plan and improve where needed
- **Resources needed**—include materials, staff, technology, funding, and time necessary to accomplish objectives and goals

**Source:**

Killion, J. (2013). Professional learning plans: A workbook for states, districts, and schools. Oxford, OH: Learning Forward. Retrieved on 10/9/2017 from <https://wvde.state.wv.us/schoolimprovement/docs/Learning%20Forward%20professional-learning-plans.pdf>



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***Based on what I have learned today, these are my next steps:***