

# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS & LEADERS

The Title II, Part A: State-Level Equitable Services Program offers professional learning opportunities and benefits through the North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) at no cost to non-profit private school teachers and leaders.

If you are interested in receiving monthly updates regarding professional learning opportunities from NEFEC, please complete the form located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/privateschoolcontacts>.

## Title II, Part A State-Level Activities Input Survey

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), provides funds to states and local educational agencies (LEAs) to improve the quality of their teachers, principals and other school leaders and raise student achievement. States and LEAs receive these funds under Title II, Part A of the ESEA (Supporting Effective Instruction Grants).

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) meets regularly with various stakeholder groups to inform decision making on the use of state-level Title II, Part A funds. This survey serves as an additional mechanism through which to collect valuable stakeholder feedback to support ongoing updates and improvements to Title II, Part A state-level activities.

Please note that survey data will be reviewed and analyzed on a regular cycle.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

## Professional Learning Courses

Online, face-to-face, and blended professional learning courses with experienced facilitators are available at no cost for non-profit private school teachers and leaders. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Technology Integration and Blended Learning
- Reading Instruction\* (multiple courses)

- Gifted Instruction\* (multiple courses)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Instruction\* (multiple courses)
- Aspiring Leaders Program
- Data Analysis for Instructional Leaders
- Teaching Students with Disabilities
- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
- Instructional Practices
- Differentiated Mathematics Instruction
- Engaging Learnings through Informative Assessment
- Mobile Devices and Apps for Learning
- Clinical Educator Training

To register for a course, please contact NEFEC.

\*Per section 1012.575, F.S., school districts as well as charter and private school organizations with state-approved professional learning systems have statutory authority to develop state-approved add-on endorsement programs whereby teachers can complete endorsement requirements via inservice points. Only endorsement courses offered through a private school organization's state-approved add-on endorsement program qualify for credit toward an academic endorsement.

## **Inservice Points**

Private school organizations with an approved professional learning system that have the NEFEC courses listed in their professional learning catalog may report inservice points for teachers employed at member schools.

To find out if you are eligible for this benefit, please contact the private school organization affiliated with your school. A list of private school organizations and their contact information can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/professional-dev/pro-learning-contacts.stml>.

## **Stipends for Course Completion**

Non-profit private school teachers who successfully complete a NEFEC course through the Title II, Part A: State-Level Equitable Services Program are eligible to receive a stipend. Amounts vary depending upon the course, but range from \$36 to \$240. For questions regarding the stipend amount for a specific course, please email [ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org](mailto:ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org).

## **Custom Course Creation**

NEFEC is committed to providing professional learning that is timely, meaningful, and evidence based. If there is an area of need that is not currently covered, a course can be developed in a face-to-face, online, or blended delivery format. Private school leaders may request a custom course to be created at no cost by emailing [ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org](mailto:ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org).

## **Endorsement Class Reimbursement**

Per [section 1012.575, F.S.](#), private school teachers may earn academic endorsements through a private school organization's state-approved add-on endorsement program or college coursework from an accredited institution. As such, non-profit private school teachers seeking an academic endorsement may request tuition reimbursement for courses completed at a Florida public college or university. An official college transcript showing successful completion of the course and receipt(s) showing initial tuition payment are needed to request reimbursement. Please note non-endorsement college courses are not eligible for reimbursement.

For more information on adding an academic endorsement to a professional certification, including the appropriate courses to complete, please contact the Bureau of Educator Certification at 800-445-6739 or [Education.Certification@fldoe.org](mailto:Education.Certification@fldoe.org). You may also visit <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/> to learn more.

To request reimbursement for college or university courses taken for academic endorsement purposes, please contact NEFEC or email [ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org](mailto:ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org).

## **Conference Travel Reimbursement**

Non-profit private school leaders and teachers attending a professional development conference may request reimbursement for travel-related expenses. Conferences must be allowable under Title II, Part A and pre-approved by the program office. Private school leaders may request pre-approval for a conference by emailing detailed conference information, including a conference agenda with a breakdown of all sessions offered, to [ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org](mailto:ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org).

Additionally, please visit [https://sites.google.com/nefec.org/reimburse-titleii-partai/](https://sites.google.com/nefec.org/reimburse-titleii-partai) to view a list of pre-approved conferences as well as to request reimbursement.

## **Additional Professional Learning Resources**

Various bureaus within the Florida Department of Education offer free professional learning opportunities to any educator. Questions regarding these opportunities should be directed to the bureau responsible for the training.

Please note that non-profit private school teachers and leaders will not receive a stipend from NEFEC for completing any of these courses.

### **Exceptional Student Education**

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) offers facilitated and independent study courses. Visit <https://fl-pda.org> to learn more.

### **English Language Learner**

The Bureau of Student Achievement through Language Acquisition (SALA) offers self-paced modules assessable via the SALA Online Learning Series Portal. More information can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/eng-language-learners/esol-elearning.stml>.

### **Literacy**

The Just Read, Florida! office, in partnership with the UF Lastinger Center, offers three literacy micro-credential options. Visit <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/literacy-coach.stml> for more information.

### **Other Helpful Links**

[Title II, Part A – Equitable Services for Private Schools under ESSA](#) (PDF)

## **Program Contact**

Should you have additional questions regarding the Title II, Part A: State-Level Equitable Services Program or need further assistance, please reach out to the Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention at [ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org](mailto:ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org) or 850-245-0435.