



# HP Professional Learning Program

A new approach to professional development that focuses on transforming teaching and student learning through technology integration in the classroom



The HP Professional Learning Program is an ongoing, online, collaborative, mentored framework, designed to help Teachers plan effective, efficient, and engaging learning experiences for their students through technology integration – no matter what technology is available to them.

The HP Program has pushed me to try new things in my classroom. This is not a traditional PD program. It is project based learning... It is just what I needed.

T. Cave - Simcoe County District School Board

This program has given me my first taste of online collaboration and has opened my eyes to the possibilities that exist... (Now) every day I teach, I see the excitement on the faces of my students and the change in attitude and belief in themselves when I - and they - use technology.

J. Perrault - Simcoe County District School Board

HP believes that technology, when used effectively in teaching, can make a positive difference in student achievement and engagement. HP also believes that teachers can make this positive difference happen when they receive mentoring and coaching on the integration of technology in their teaching practice. The HP Professional Learning Program is designed to do that.

Participants in the HP Professional Learning Program work in individual and group activities in an ongoing, online, collaborative, mentored environment, as they improve their skills and knowledge about effective technology integration in teaching and learning.



The HP Professional Learning Program has evolved from the professional development component of the HP Technology for Teaching Grant Program that was developed in 2004 with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

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### What is the HP Professional Learning Program?

- Customizable – able to be tied to Board objectives
- Project-based
- Individualized
- Online
- Mentor-based
- Ongoing throughout the school year
- Flexible
- Collaborative

The goal of the HP Professional Learning Program is to improve teaching, and student achievement and engagement, through the effective integration of technology in the classroom. To accomplish this, the program has participants interact with an experienced educator mentor, and each other, in ongoing, online, collaborative activities.

The program's innovative design includes the following:

- Participants complete collaborative, project-based learning over an extended period of time, trying new skills in the classroom while receiving coaching and guidance as they do so.
- A mentor is assigned. These experienced educators bring important expertise and coaching, necessary to support the participants.
- An account in an ISTE Online Learning Community and a work space that provides a collaborative site for a discussion board/forum, the posting of lesson plans/stories/etc., synchronous chat.

### What does the HP Professional Learning Program deliver?

- An experienced educator mentor assigned to actively lead participants through mentored project work over the course of the professional development period (up to a maximum of 1 school year, with a 6 month minimum)
- A project plan developed with the mentor that defines the action plan, goals, roles and responsibilities, and the measurements that will be used to gauge progress and outcomes
- An individual learning program for each participant developed with the mentor to identify the teachers' technology integration professional development focus, goals, criteria for success in their professional development and use of technology in the classroom
- A purchasing account of \$175 USD per participant to purchase online courses, publications, etc. available through the ISTE Online Professional Development Catalogue ("top-ups" to the account may be purchased)
- Mentored individual and large group activities centered on the project implementation and evaluation; the individualized development plans; the building of electronic portfolios documenting progress; action research, reflections and reporting; and online community discussions and activities
- An account in an ISTE Online Learning Community for each participant to collaborate, as well as a workspace for information such as their project plan, their identified learning needs, etc.
- A 1-year ISTE Membership for each participant.
- A pre and post assessment of the participants against the ISTE Technology Standards for Teachers.

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