



2010-2011

Paraeducator Professional Development Academy



You can earn in-service points for each class. When you earn 30 points total, you are eligible for a \$200 annual in-service supplement. (see the **Paraeducator Collective Bargaining Agreement**).

*Can only be earned once

You must register for **EACH** class you wish to attend through the online "Professional Development Scheduler" (see **bottom**)



Enrollment is limited so register early. Should you need to cancel your registration, please contact Tracy Hannah at FDLRS tracy.hannah@polk-fl.net or 863.647.4258

Course	Description	Date	Time	Instructor	Room
Visual Strategies 12 points	The Visual Strategies workshop will introduce the concept of using visual supports to differentiate instruction. You will see many examples of successful visual supports and will be able to make your own visual supports to take back to your schools and use in your classroom.	Wednesday October 27	8:30-3:30	Prince Stidham	Earhart
Microsoft Word 2007 12 points	Use the new ribbon and discover shortcut commands to type and edit documents, add clip art, use autocorrect and much more to create differentiated documents. Learn tips to consider when creating accessible text. *Basic typing and computer knowledge required	Thursday November 4 OR November 11	8:30-3:30	Day	Computer Lab
Graphic Organizers 12 points	Learn to use the appropriate organizer to help students comprehend and remember what they read and learn. Taking content from the abstract to the concrete level. Try foldable books, mind-mapping, graphic organizers and others for a change of pace in the classroom to engage learners. (Limit 25)	Wednesday January 19	8:30-3:30	Ahlschwede Mullens	Wright Brothers
Vocabulary Strategies 12 points	Participants will be provided hands-on, engaging strategies for teaching vocabulary to students and given the opportunity for creating these fun activities to take back to the classroom.	Tuesday February 8	8:30-3:30	Ahlschwede Yost	Earhart

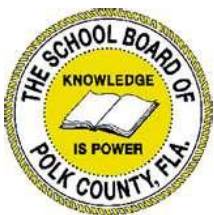
Math Strategies 6 points	Learn exciting strategies for teaching math skills to students. Participants will explore hands-on tools for practicing math facts, fractions and decimals, and other math concepts.	Thursday March 3	*8:30-11:30 3 hour class	Yost	Earhart
More Alike than Different 12 points	Provide participants with hands on activities and strategies for developing an awareness of students with disabilities through fun simulations and viewing Rick Lavoie's "F.A.T. City"	Wednesday March 30	8:30-3:30	Ahlschwede Mullens Yost	Wright Brothers
Ruby Payne-Frameworks of Poverty 6 points	A practical yet compassionate look at the hidden rules of each socioeconomic background and how this impacts learning, work habits and decision making. Twelve key points about poverty, the value of relationships and resources will be explored.	Thursday April 7	*8:30-11:30 3 hour class	Ahlschwede Mullens	*Jim Miles Center Palmetto

Most courses are 6 hours of instruction with 6 hours follow-up assignment for a total of 12 in-service points available. (Indicates course is 3 hours of instruction with 3 hours follow-up assignment for a total of 6 in-service points.)*

All courses will be held at the **Bartow Municipal Airport Bldg. #270** and the ***Jim Miles Professional Development Center**
Click here for [Directions to the Bartow Municipal Airport-Polk County Schools](#)

To register: go to <http://pds.polk-fl.net/login.asp>

You will need your SAP ID# to login. Follow these directions: Login - Choose "FDLRS" - Choose "Paraeducator Professional Development" - Click the correct module name - Choose the correct section # - Click "Register me for this class"



Register now for first semester classes only on the PDS Scheduler

"Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Tracy Hannah @ 647-4258 or Patricia Hunter, Equity Coordinator, @ 863-534-0513. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling Florida Relay Service @ 1-800-955-8771"