

RIDE Pre-K Professional Development “Tracks”

We are excited to be offering a new format for the Communities of Practice and hope that this document serves to clarify the new process and answer some of your questions.

Pre-K Professional Development Opportunities

The full-year PD Track Schedule and descriptions will be available on the Pre-K section of the *Center for Early Learning Professionals* website: center-elp.org/ride-pre-k/. These PD events are for **RIDE Pre-K program staff only**.

Each Track has between 4 and 7 sessions. Although most are open to all, there are some that are targeted to specific audiences as noted in the description. For example, the BPS Curriculum Track is open only to the BPS Curriculum group as identified by RIDE.

As per RIDE deliverables, all Pre-K classroom staff:

- Should register for at least 1 Track series.
- Are encouraged to attend **all** of the sessions in the series.
- Must attend a minimum of 4 sessions in the same series to receive PD credit for hours attended (which will be awarded at the end of the series).

Based on PD needs, interests, and schedules, Pre-K staff are welcome to register for multiple tracks but must adhere to the criteria above.

Education Coordinators are strongly encouraged to attend the monthly RIDE updates.

NOTE: In some cases, there are specific criteria for registration. For example, the BPS Curriculum Track is open only to the BPS Curriculum group as identified by RIDE.

Online Registration

Pre-K staff **must register** for PD through the online registration system. This will help streamline the process for tracking participation and awarding PD hours.

Registration Status

Once you register for a track you will receive an **automatically generated** email response informing you that your registration is PENDING. Once we confirm certain information, you will receive a followup email message regarding your registration status:

- **Attending:** You meet the criteria for the session and your registration is approved.

- Waitlisted: You meet the criteria but the session is full. We will send a follow-up email if space becomes available.
- Not attending: You do not meet the criteria (as outlined in the session description).

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming weeks and, as always, feel free to contact us with additional questions at dmiskelly@edc.org.