

Epsilon: Improve Teacher Effectiveness; Lower Costs of Professional Development



Strengthening the Link between Teacher Effectiveness and Student Achievement

With the sharp focus on improving educational results, districts, states and other educational organizations are looking at teacher professional development as an initial strategy of transformation. However, improving teacher effectiveness in the classroom must also be done to maximize cost efficiencies.

This is why educational organizations are turning to Epsilon to create a global learning community that can connect teachers to best practices in the most immediate and dynamic ways possible. And the use of the Epsilon cloud-based platform means the cost of delivering traditional teacher professional development can be dramatically lowered, a core requirement for any educational organization today.

Social Networking: It's How You Learn

Educators have always known that collaboration helps improve best practices, but achieving this, using traditional means, has been a challenge. Epsilon provides a global networking environment for teachers to learn from their peers and collaborate with world-renowned content and professional development experts at their convenience and at a minimal cost. Teachers can access job-embedded, capacity-building professional development opportunities to strengthen their skills and refine pedagogy. Facilitated and

static courses, virtual PLCs, and coaching empower teachers to improve their effectiveness and meet their students' individual needs. On-demand learning opportunities, supported by Epsilon's mobile app, provide the flexibility required to accommodate teachers' schedules. And, unlike traditional professional development programs, after a course is finished, teachers are provided with on-going support as they implement new knowledge and skills via learning communities and groups. These self-supported groups promote collective responsibility and goal alignment and ultimately increase educator effectiveness while improving student results. Aggregated data demonstrates the link between high-quality educator professional development opportunities and student achievement.

See "Project Share", the Texas-based initiative that uses Epsilon to drive virtual teacher professional development for all K-12 teachers in the State of Texas:

<http://www.projectsharetexas.org>

Aligns With NSDC Standards

- Epsilon's professional development adheres to the National Staff Development Council's (NSDC) standards for high-quality professional development: <http://www.learningforward.org/standards/index.cfm>



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Virtual Delivery Methods

- Provide teachers with job-embedded, capacity-building professional development that strengthens skills and refines pedagogy via:
 - facilitated and static courses
 - virtual PLCs
 - virtual coaching and mentoring
 - virtual book study
 - collaborative planning

Access to Experts

- Work with world-renowned content and professional development experts as learning experiences are customized to meet educators' needs.
 - CCSSO Common Core Supports
 - Thoughtful Classroom: PLC Guides—collaborative planning

Streamline Costs

- Provide access to content experts via virtual means to deliver professional development and student courses at a fraction of the cost.
- Implement cutting-edge, on-going professional development that meets your budgetary needs. Because Epsilen supports virtual professional development, delivery costs are kept at a minimum.

Epsilen's Professional Development: Advantages

- Customized implementation
- Differentiated
- Facilitated and virtual courses crafted to meet your needs
- On-going, job-embedded supports via virtual learning communities, virtual PLCs, virtual coaching and mentoring
- Flexible pricing
- On-demand to meet teachers' schedules
- Adheres to NSDC standards
- Access to world-renowned content experts



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About Epsilen, LLC

Serving educators and students in over 600 institutions in over 130 countries, the Epsilen Environment is a hosted online eLearning solution that focuses on learner engagement and the teaching and learning experience. It situates a robust set of learning tools within a learning community, offering the advantages of both. Additionally, Epsilen offers clients access to The New York Times Knowledge Network Content Repository, a rich collection of digital resources and learning objects. Epsilen is majority owned by The New York Times Company.