

HOW TO USE ART ED PRO FOR A Professional Development Day

Step 1 Identify your goals and audience.

What do you hope teachers will learn during this PD experience? Who will be in the group of teachers with which you'll be meeting? What are their unique needs?

Step 2 Figure out the logistics.

- Where will you meet? For how long will you meet?
- How will teachers consume the PRO content? Will you watch collaboratively on a large screen or have teachers use personal devices? If teachers are watching individually, require headphones so everyone can stay focused.
- Will you be creating art during the session, or will it be more discussion-based?

Step 3 Choose a Learning Pack or set of Learning Packs to guide your day.

Look at your goal, how much time you have, who you are meeting with, and the type of activities you would like to do. Using these factors, choose a Learning Pack or set of Learning Packs to help you achieve your goal. Use the filters in the PRO Library to help narrow down your choices.

Step 4 Watch the Learning Pack, review the resources, and plan activities.

First, watch the video portion of the learning pack, and review the resources. What types of activities might you create based on the information in the Learning Pack? Consider a mix of whole group, small group, and individual activities. Don't forget to leave time for work time! To get started planning, take a look at the Activity Menu.

Step 5 Gather your materials.

Based on the activities you have planned, gather your materials. This list may include technology, writing materials, downloadable resources from the Learning Pack, art materials, and more. If you're using a teacher's classroom and supplies, how will they be reimbursed?

Step 6 Don't forget about team building!

Make sure to build in time for stretching, breaks, and snacks/lunch. In addition, consider adding an icebreaker or team building activity to the start of your PD time. If your district requires a report on your learning, be sure to add in time for that, as well.

Step 7 Build in an accountability plan.

Decide how to assess the success of the day. You might ask teachers to complete the Learning Pack quiz, an exit ticket, or a self-reflection. In addition, plan follow-up activities to ensure the teachers' new knowledge reaches students. You might ask teachers to share pictures of implementation strategies, bring an implementation artifact to the next PD session, set up peer groups to keep each other accountable, and more.

Activity Menu

Here are 12 activities to mix and match to make your next PD day relevant, engaging, and meaningful!

Watch and learn.



Watch a video or set of videos and take notes.

Watch and discuss.



Watch a video or set of videos and discuss a set of questions with a partner or the whole group.

Watch and respond.



Watch a video or set of videos and do a group brainstorming or reflection activity.

Watch and research.



Watch a video or set of videos and choose a topic to research further. Share results with group.

Watch and make.



Watch a video or set of videos from the Learning Pack and practice the techniques shown.

Reflect on a resource.



Choose a resource from the Learning Pack to have teachers fill out or respond to.

Plan a lesson.



Write a lesson plan to bring back to students based on what was learned in the videos.

Revise a lesson or unit.



Have teachers bring a lesson or unit to the PD day. Allow them to use their new knowledge to revise that lesson or unit to make it even stronger.

Create an anchor chart.



Make an anchor chart to bring back to the classroom based on what was learned in the videos.

Create a classroom resource.



Design a resource to use in the classroom based on what was learned in the videos.

Create an assessment tool.



Design an assessment tool to use in the classroom based on what was learned in the videos.

Divide and conquer.



Have teachers split into groups based on personal interests and watch a set of videos. Have each small group share their thoughts, reflections, and ideas with the larger group.