

Self Directed PD

What Self Directed PD looks like	What it isn't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Readings (cite author & title on your Application form) • Collaboration with peer(s). Describe nature of collaboration & learning objectives on your application form • Network • Watch web cast sessions • Browse websites that are relevant to one's teaching profession, ie POPFASD, POPARD, PISP websites (<i>these are ministry websites that help teachers understand how to support students with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Autism and Profound Mental Impairments</i>) • Working on Master's coursework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep activities - photocopying, laminating, developing worksheets etc... • Doing long or short term planning • Writing previews • Marking student work • Setting up bulletin boards or any other kind of work like that.

Do you have other ideas about what Self Directed PD looks like? Ask yourself...

- Will this activity change my understanding of a topic?
- Will I develop new professional knowledge/skills/attitudes as a result of this activity?

Professional Development Defined: *Any activity or event whereby a teacher can update his/her knowledge or expertise in a field of studies.*

A teacher may pursue personal development that is beneficial to the teaching profession (for example, if you are a woodwork teacher and you attend a seminar on construction). As well, teachers may pursue opportunities that will keep them current in educational developments, teaching styles or strategies. Finally, teachers may pursue PD that helps them become more aware of changes in the educational philosophy and education in general (i.e. Reading up on Ministry publications such as the SpEd Policy and Guidelines).