# Frontline: Professional Growth Training Manual



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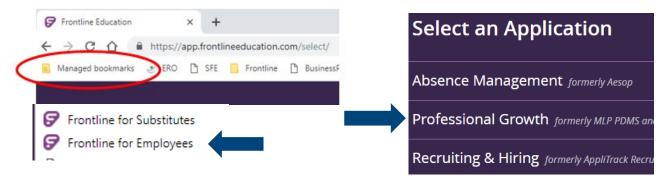
## **Getting Started**

#### Accessing your Frontline Professional Growth Account

#### **Single Sign On (Active Directory)**

Active employees and substitutes working in Everett Public Schools may log into the Frontline Education using single sign-on technology. No Frontline credentials are required if you are logged into the district network or on a district computer.

The link can be found in Google Chrome on EPS Managed Bookmarks > Frontline for Employees

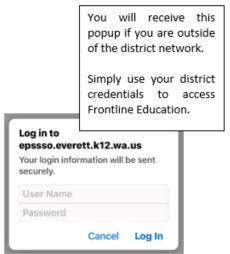


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If you do find yourself on the old login page, click the link to Sign in with Organization SSO, this will be your district email address.





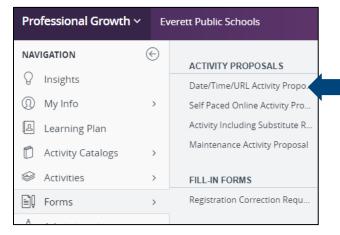


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## **Submitting an Activity Proposal**

### Submitting an activity for approval

Use the screen shots below to assist you with data required for Activity Proposal. Go to Forms > Date/Time/URL Proposal or Self Paced Online Activity Proposal (Online form sample on pg. 9)



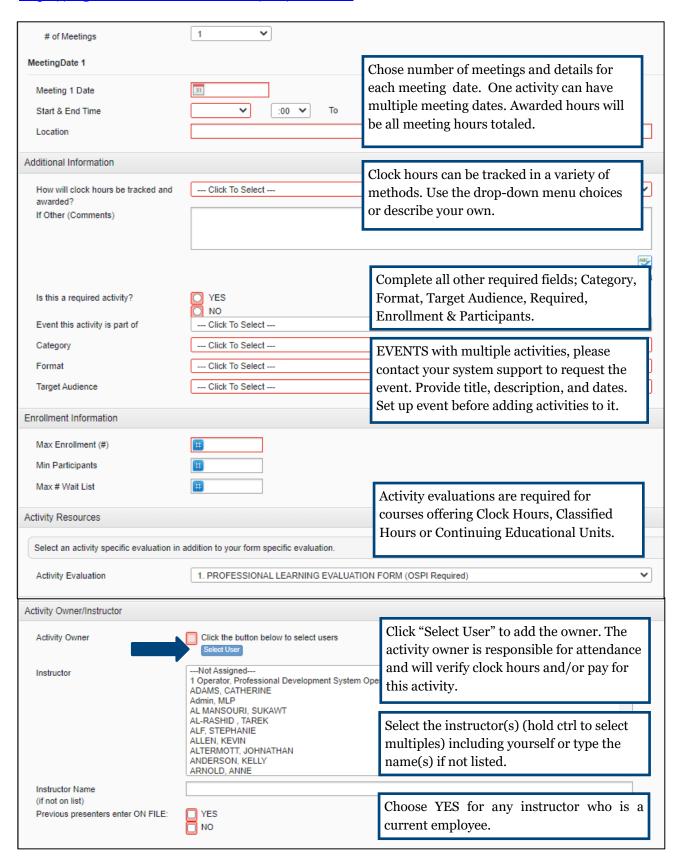
What form do I use and when?

- 1. In-person, Zoom & blended meetings with dates (most common)
- 2. Self-paced online and meetings with no meeting dates (Pg. 9)
- 3. Participant can request a sub at time of registration (Pg. 12)
- 4. Maintenance and Operations

Online Course Proposal on page 9 PD requiring a Substitute on page 12

Activity Proposal Date/Time/URL				
Always use this form to submit a request to add an activity into the catalog.				
▶ Instructions				
Annotations				
Annotations are brief snippets/phrases that can be added to the activity details and feature to store trackable information.	d are visible to registrants. These are not reportable elements, so do not use this			
•				
Please note: This form is used to propose an activity for the District Catalog. Once added, you must register yourself for the activity if you plan to attend.				
	Limit TITLE to 30 characters, begin your title with your building/department code e.g. SLE			
Activity Information				
Indicate the details of the activity you are proposing.	/ Silver Lake Elementary			
Activity Title	ACTIVITY CODE is your phone extension,			
Activity Code (AC)	used as a place holder until approval.			
Description				
	DESCRIPTION is seen in the catalog and			
	should provide clear information about the			
	activity.			
Activity URL (Web Address)	OBJECTIVE/INTENDED OUTCOMES are			
In-Service Objective/Intended	required for clock hour approval but are not			
Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, the participant will	seen in the catalog			

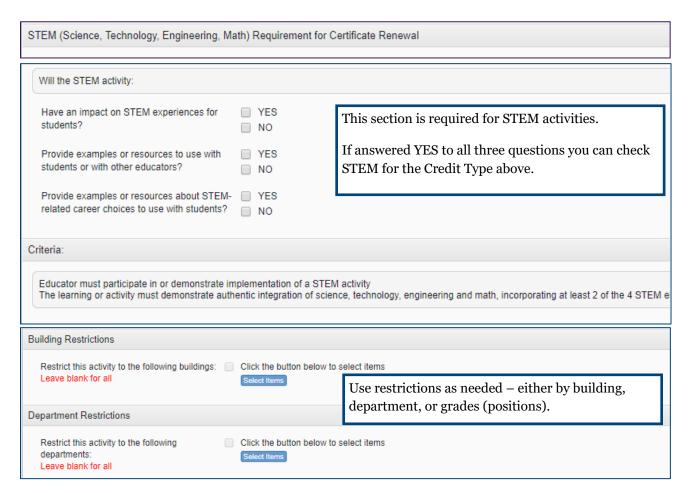
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File Attachment		found in My Info from the navigation pane. Once uploaded, you will be able to select it here.	
If necessary, you may attach your resu	ume. You MUST first upload your File to your M	y File Library before it will be visible in this section to select.	
Attach File:	- Right_Response_2021_22_Flier_rev_1.18.22.pdf (194k) View  PCE Social Emotional - PCE_Social_Emotional_Learning_22011103.docx (15k) View		
Catalog Viewing Options			
Indicate the date range that this activ	ity will appear in the catalog. If left blank, the a	activity will show immediately, until the start date of the activity has passed.	
Start Showing On (mm/dd/yyyy)		CATALOG VIEWING OPTION denotes when	
Stop Showing On (mm/dd/yyyy)		an activity can be seen in the course catalog.	
Provider		<u></u>	
Provider	Everett Public Schools		
If not on list, enter here			
PD & Paid Hours			
T D & Falu Hours		The most common type of Professional Development Hours is Clock Hours. Para	
Enter the number of hours you are see	king for this activity	educators and teachers use clock hours for	
Professional Development Hours	#	certificate renewal & salary placement.	
e-Timesheet Paid Hours	☐ YES ☐ NO		
Paid Hours	<b>=</b>	e-Timesheet Paid Hours is any additional pay outside of the participants workday and	
Account Code (required for subs and additional pay). If N/A, enter 00		contract time. Pay processed through FLPG and	
Employees Permitted Substitutes	YES NO	not submitted on timecard online. Activity  Owner will confirm the paid hours in the	
		attendance record under "Credits"	
Credit Type			
Registrants receive credit toward:	CLASSIFIED PD HOURS CLOCK HOURS CULTURAL COMPETENCY Renewal Rec	All activities paying a substitute or e- Timesheet require an account code. Enter 00 if not applicable.	
	CEU FCS (FUNDAMENTAL COURSE OF STU NONE	Select appropriate credit type(s). Clock hours are approved by committee and can take 24 hours for approval. Minimum 1 hour, 30 min	
State Defined Program Standards		intervals.	
Check the Box(es) that apply. Please c	lick on each objective to see a full description of	<sup>e;</sup> Select STEM if answered YES to the three	
Select ALL that apply.	Goal : Content & objectives must relate to  1. Opportunities for participants to collect a	1 0	
2. Professional certificate standards 3. Paraeducator standards of practice a 4. School and district improvement effor 5. Current or anticipated assignment 6. Research-based instructional strategi 7. Advocacy for students and leadership		Use 5 "Current or anticipated assignment" for	

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Once done, the system support specialist will send your course proposal for approval. You will receive an approval email with the Activity Code.

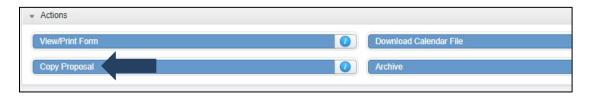
#### Hint: Save the proposal as a draft before submitting



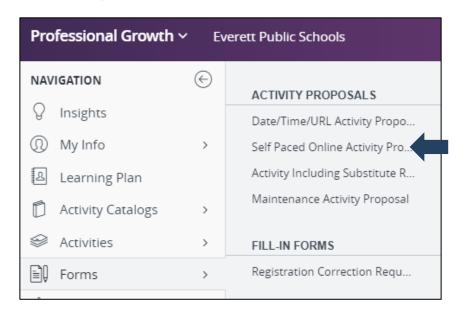
#### Later return to your Learning Plan > Manage > Copy

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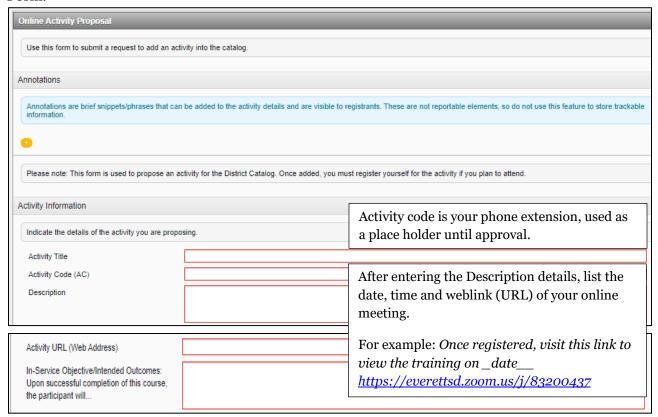
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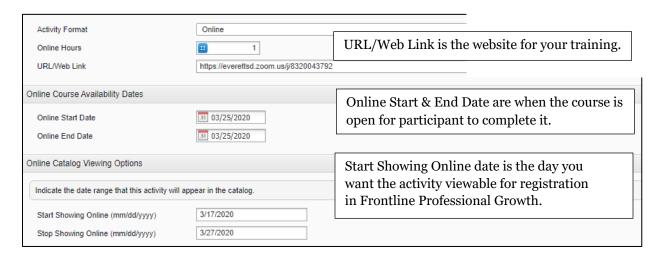
#### Submitting Self-Paced Online Activity Form



Create online meeting(s) in Zoom (example). Copy the web address before proposing it in Frontline Professional Growth. When completing all the required details on the activity proposal form you can refer to the instructions on the previous pages, they will be the same as the Date/Time/URL Activity Form.



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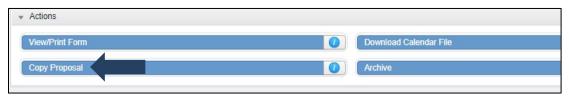
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Hint: Save the proposal as a draft while proposing.



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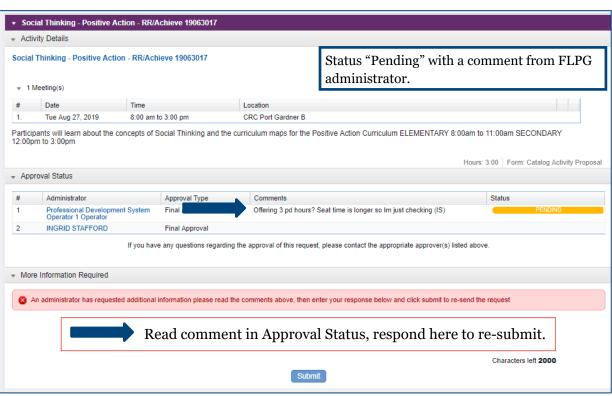


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#### "More Information" requested from HR

Occasionally the activity proposal may require more information for approval. If this is the case, you can locate the proposal in your Learning Plan, sort by status and look for Final Approval – More Info

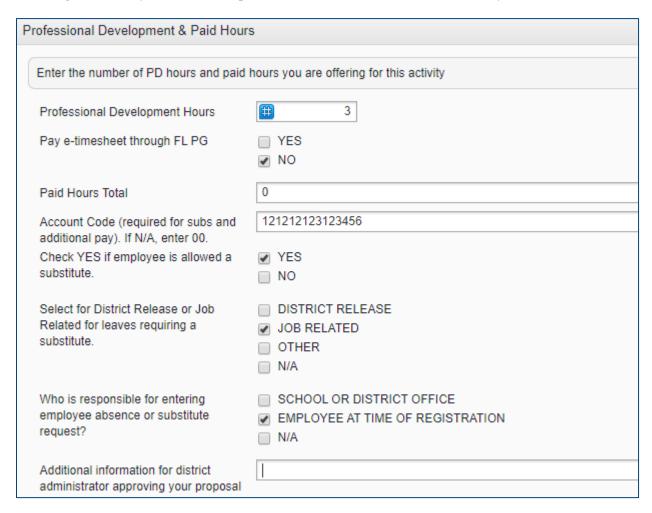




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### **Activity proposal for Substitute Coverage**

If your activity requires an employee to report an absence for a substitute, the employee should initiate their own substitute request when they register for the course. Although this is not required, the budget authority can enter the pd absences or vacancies when necessary.



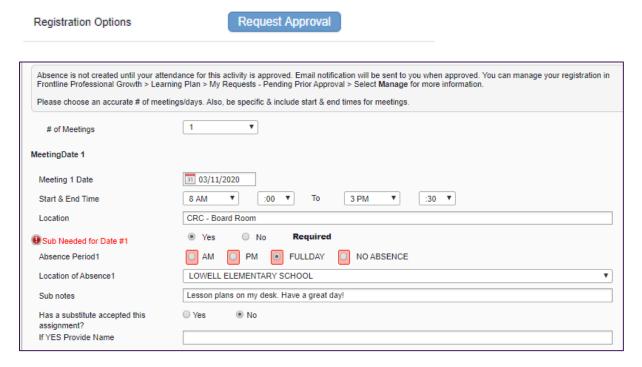
With this information from the course proposal HR admin can update the absence at the time it is initiated in Absence Management.

The activity owner or instructor inviting staff to attend may send this or a similar message to employees when inviting them to an activity. Feel free to edit as needed –

SAMPLE: Thank you for taking an interest in our upcoming class on (fill in the blank). You will request your substitute a little differently than how we have done it in the past. The absence will automatically be created as you register for the course. Please follow the instructions on the screen to provide absence and substitute needs. Prearranged subs must be confirmed before registering as you will have an opportunity to provide their name on the course registration form.

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Employee will request approval for absence and provide details.

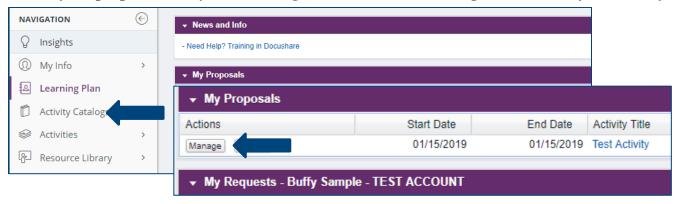


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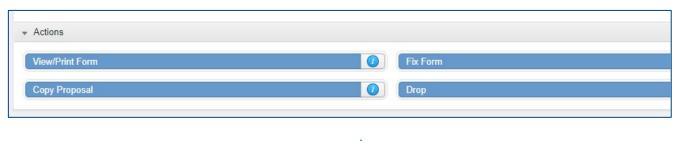
### **Fixing a Common Proposal Error**

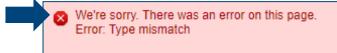
Activity Proposal Fixing Error: Type mismatch

Locate your proposal from your Learning Plan Tab > Select Manage to the left of your activity.

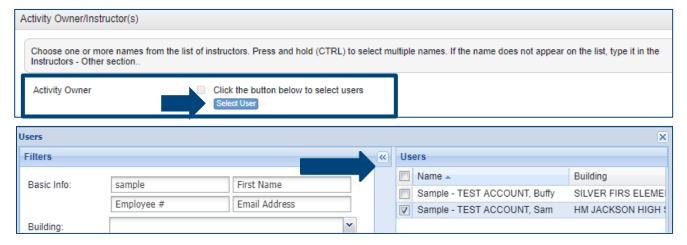


#### Select Fix Form





Adding the activity owner Select User > Add Selected (owner and instructors are not always the same person)



When accurately submitted, you will see the status as pending on your Learning Plan tab.

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#### **Enrollment and Attendance**

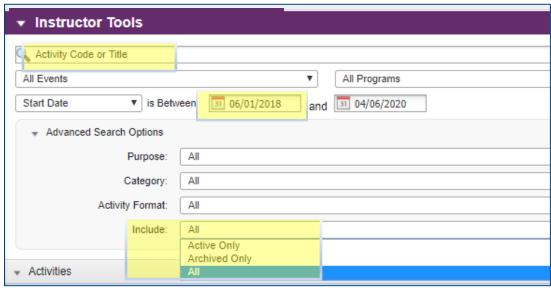
#### Enrollment and instructor tools

Use the navigation bar and go to Activities > Instructor Tools. ALWAYS for attendance taking.



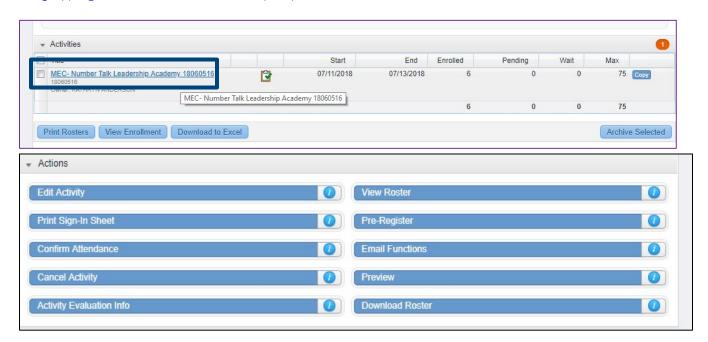
#### Sample of search to find active and archived activities

These criteria will usually find all activities.



Locate your activity, click on the title and select the Action desired

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If an activity is archived, changes CAN ONLY BE MADE by using the <u>Registration</u> <u>Correction Request form.</u> Please coordinate with the attendee to ensure the form is filled out correctly.

#### Pre-register attendees

You can pre-register if the activity has not concluded or use Confirm Attendance to add attendees.



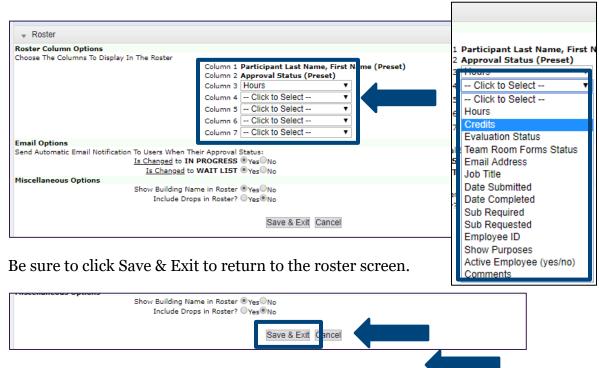
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#### Update roster view

Select Change Settings at the bottom of the roster to choose the columns you need to display.



The Change Settings screen will allow you to add more data to the roster list. Please be sure that both **Hours** and **Credits** are selected as shown below.



Reminder value for Hours vs. Credits

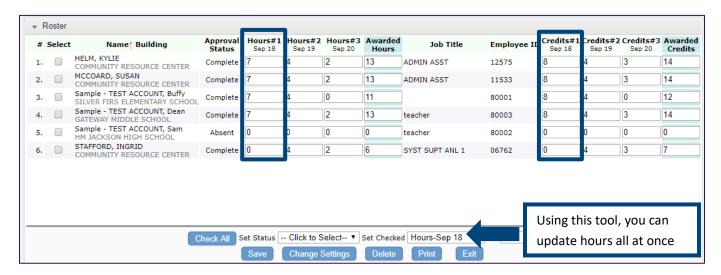
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Credits = Paid hours (Cash)

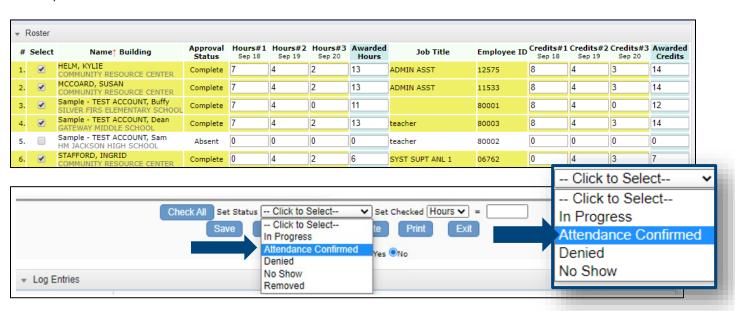
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#### **Attendance Protocol**

**Step 1:** After each meeting date, verify that the hours and/or credits are correct. Put in correct hours if attended and "o" if absent.



**Step 2**: After the last meeting, the owner will mark all who attended at least one meeting as Confirmed, or Complete depending on your permissions. Calculate and update the Awarded Hours/Credits.

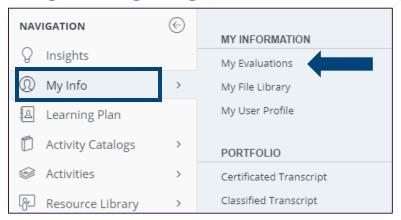


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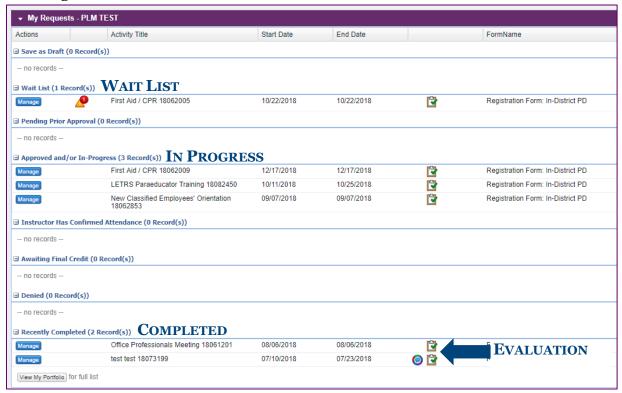
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#### **My Info**

Navigate through assigned evaluations, transcripts, registrations, etc.

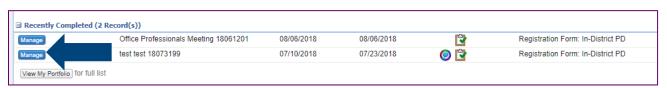


#### Learning Plan





Clip board icon indicates a course evaluation is required. Select Manage to open another menu and click on the Evaluation to complete.



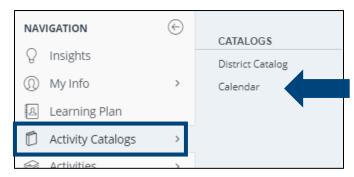
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Manage completed activities and access evaluations



#### **Managing Your Registration**

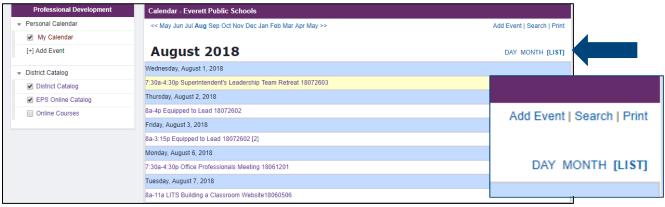
Search, sign up, or drop activities

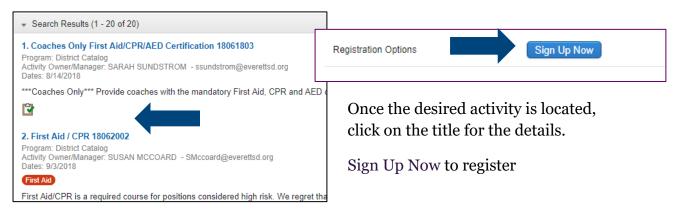


Using the left navigation pane, select Activity Catalog and search by District Catalog or Calendar.

Find an activity by searching a title, activity code, or date for more search options select Advance Search.

Use the Calendar view to find an activity. Search day, month, or list





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#### **Glossary**

**Frontline** – The vendor for HR software applications: Recruiting and Hiring, Absence Management, and Professional Learning Management and Growth Focused Evaluations (Professional Growth).

**Activity** – The professional development offering, formerly known as a course and session in ERO.

**Activity Formats** allows district admins to specify a list of activity formats that will be available for selection on each activity request form. This information is helpful when categorizing activities in reports. Districts and organizations typically use Activity Formats to include the following selections - Instructor taught, blended, book study, online learning, PLC, etc.

**Activity Owner** - An activity can have only ONE activity owner, and is treated the same as an instructor, with two additional features, can use the completed status when taking attendance and archive the activity once attendance has been taken.

**Category** – is the curriculum categories we use to identify the department activities.

**Event** – The Event is used to group a collection of activities that occur as part of one event (for example: New Staff Induction, In-service Day, etc.). When browsing the district catalog, teachers and staff will see the events listed and can click each event for easy access to that event's activities.

**Insights Platform vs. Legacy** – We have the Insights Platform with a side bar navigation to access system features (you will hear mention of the legacy version in some training videos).

**Meetings** – Meeting date, there can be multiple meeting dates in a single activity.

**Program** – District catalog or online content.

**Purpose** – As a staff member completes activities, the credits will be tracked against the selected purpose. The teacher or staff member can monitor their progress towards the purpose by examining their Portfolio, which lists all activities according to each purpose. Clock hours, classified instructional hours, CEU, STEM (multiple can be selected).

**Restrictions** – When you add an activity, you can use the sections below to filter:

- 1. **Building Restrictions** Click on the buildings that should only be able to see this activity.
- 2. **Department Restrictions** Click on the departments that should only be able to see this activity.
- 3. **Grades** Click on the grades that should only be able to see this activity.
- 4. **Groups** Click on the groups that should only be able to see this activity. If no groups are visible, you can create custom groups by going to Config Summary-->Groups.

#### Roles & user level

- 1. Config Admin PD approver, system operator
- 2. District Catalog Admin/Instructor—Principal, facilitator, director, office manager. All who propose an activity and will have complete access to enrollment tools.
- 3. Instructor Limited access in the instructor tab. And can only take attendance, but not award the hours and must mark Owner of activity to receive enrolment tools.
- 4. Learner All staff who register for an activity.

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#### **Support** Human Resources

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#### **Frontline Support Resources**

Locate and select the Frontline Support icon. This selection opens the Learning Center in a new browser tab where you can review help resources and learning materials.



#### **Recommended Webinars**

Webinars > Catalog Administration

Webinars > PLMS Instructor Orientation

Webinars > PLMS Learner Orientation

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### Frontline Professional Growth (FLPG): At a Glance and FAQ

**Frontline Professional Growth** software manages all our professional development learning activities from registration, evaluation, transcripts, workshop payroll, and more. This online system makes it easy to track the learning activities of your staff and self.

#### At A Glance

- Web address: <a href="https://login.frontlineeducation.com/sso/everettsd">https://login.frontlineeducation.com/sso/everettsd</a>
- **PD** = Professional development
- Training guides and help documentation are available using this link to <u>Docushare</u>
  - Activity proposal
  - Attendance
  - o Pre-registration

#### **Clock hours & OSPI**

Everett Public Schools is approved by OSPI as an **in-service education** agency that can provide clock hours for professional development offerings

- OSPI requirements for sessions offering clock hours:
  - o Prior approval
  - o 1-hour minimum meeting time
  - o Agenda
  - o Objective, intended outcome, and Washington State standards listed
  - Instructor resume
  - Course evaluation
  - o Use increments of .5 hours after first hour minimum is met
  - o Round down to .5 hour

#### **FAQs**

#### **General information**

- 1. What if someone **missed registering in FLPG and wants clock hours?**The clock hour request is claimed on the *Registration Correction Request form*.
- 2. Do I need to print the sign in sheet from?
  - Yes. The sign in sheet includes important session details for recordkeeping and verifies PG registration.
- 3. What should I do with original sign in sheet after class?
  Upload AGENDA & SIGN IN SHEET to the Team Room (<u>Docushare Tip Sheet</u>) and save original for your records.
- 4. Do we need an **agenda for every session?** 
  - Yes. The agenda is an OSPI requirement if offering clock hours.
- 5. Do all **professional development offerings** need to be **in FLPG?** Yes, if offering clock hours or additional pay.

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#### 6. When will FLPG email registrants?

FLPG will email registrants and instructor/managers for

- a. Registrant: Reminder 3 day prior, session attendance, missed, dropped and no show
- b. Manager: Approval of proposed course, cancelled course, registrant missing email addresses

#### **Course & Session proposal**

- 1. What is a CHIP? Clock Hour Instructor Planning
- 2. When is an e-CHIP proposal required? e-CHIP proposal is required every time you offer clock hours for a session.
- 3. Can I **propose a session** that has **already occurred?** Not without Superintendent approval.
  - **a.** The state requires prior approval of any session offering clock hours
  - **b.** Sessions awarding any credit type are imported to BusinessPlus monthly for the employee's transcript
  - c. Sessions with an e-timesheet are imported to payroll consistent with the payroll calendar
  - d. Can I add to the registrations or change attendance details later? Changes can only made once a <u>Registration Correction Form</u> has been completed and routed to you. It's likely the session details have been exported to the employee's profile already and changes made will not be exported again, resulting in missed credits if the Registration Correction Form has not been completed.
- 4. What is the difference between the approval processes?
  - **a.** <u>e-CHIP Clock Hour Instructor Planning</u>: Used for any session offering clock hours, goes through the CSDAC approval and requires at least 48 hours prior to first occurrence
  - **b.** <u>Classified Instructional Hours</u>: Any session offering classified instructional hours, typically for maintenance and office staff
  - **c.** The training guide says to use the **eTimesheet** option. Can I use a **paper timesheet**? There are very few circumstances that need a paper timesheet. Contact HR if you feel you will need to use one.

#### Credit types: Clock hour vs. classified instructional hours

- 1. What are the **different credit types** EPS offers? Clock hours, classified instructional hours, and continuing education unit (CEU)
- 2. Is there a difference between Clock Hours and Classified Instructional Hours? Yes,
- 3. Can classified **employees receive clock hours?** Yes. Clock hours are converted to classified instructional hours for classified employees.
- 4. Can **certificated employees receive classified instructional hours?** No. Certificated employees will have no use for classified instructional hours.
- 5. Why do **teachers & para educators use clock hours?** EEA and EAP members receive clock hours for certification and salary placement.

#### **Attendance**

- 1. Completion of attendance is required within 2 days of the meeting date and final occurrence no later than 2 days after session completion. (pg. 6-9)
- 2. What if a **registrant tells me they haven't received the evaluation** after a class? Session registration status has not been marked. The registration status triggers the evaluation and awards the PD hours. Please have them use the "Finding the Course Evaluation" tip sheet.

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3. What if I need to make a **change to attendance** after roll has been taken and the course has been archived? Contact Ingrid in HR first. We process payroll and credit files on a monthly basis. Adding registrants or changing attendance status after we process the file may cause missed pay and/or clock hours will applied incorrectly to the employee records. Changes can only made once a Registration Correction Form has been completed and routed to you.