

# Ohio Education Data Professionals Network



Member Handbook



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# Ohio Education Data Professionals Network

## Network Overview

The purpose of the Ohio Education Data Professionals (OEDP) Network is to bring together individuals who are passionate about education data and provide a collaborative space for members to deepen their knowledge and expertise in educational data; collect, share, manage resources; and create new ideas, knowledge, and practices.

OEDP Network members come from all around Ohio and are employed by public school districts, community schools, educational service centers (ESCs), state support teams (SSTs), universities, and the Department of Education and Workforce. Members include district administrators, academic coaches, ESC consultants, SST consultants, professors, and many more.

The OEDP Network is inclusive. There are no criteria to join other than supporting the mission and vision of the network.

## Mission

To develop, organize, distribute, and promote knowledge and resources from data professionals across Ohio to support data-based decisions among educators.

## Vision

For all Ohio educators to use data in meaningful ways to improve outcomes for students.

## Actions

To advance the mission and vision, the OEDP Network strives to do the following:

- Advance a culture of data use to enhance professional practice among educators, ultimately resulting in improved learning for all students.
- Provide technical assistance to school administrators and teachers in the appropriate use of data.
- Ensure that individuals working to promote data use have the tools and knowledge to carry out this work effectively.

# Membership

## Becoming a member

Any individual who is committed to the mission and vision of the Ohio Education Data Professional Network can become a member.

## Membership Types

Network members include all individuals committed to the mission and vision of the network. Two types of membership exist within the network:

- **General Network Members**

General network members include individuals who are committed to building knowledge, sharing resources, and connecting with other data professionals to help support the vision of the network. General network members may have credentials and support their own organization, but they do not provide any regional support.

- **Regional Data Leads**

Regional Data Leads (RDLs) are network members who work at the regional level. They provide professional development, technical assistance, and coaching support to educators to strengthen professional practice and improve learning for *all* students. There are three criteria to be considered as an RDL.

- 1. Be Credentialed**

By completing one or more of these targeted training courses and passing the assessments, RDLs demonstrate they hold the skills and knowledge to meet the data use needs of districts.

- Academic Growth Data Credential
- Gauging Student Readiness Credential
- State Assessment Data Credential
- Data to Serve Exceptional Children Credential
- High Quality Student Data Credential
- Equitable Access Data Credential
- Progress Toward Graduation Data Tool Credential
- Early Warning System Data Credential
- Understanding and Using Attendance Data for Improvement Credential

- 2. Provide Regional Supports**

Although any individual can be credentialed, RDLs are intentional in providing regional support to buildings and districts in their credentialed area(s).

### **3. Affiliated with an ESC/SST**

Regional Data Leads must either be employed by or affiliated with an ESC and/or SST. Ohio's goal is for every district and school in the state to have affordable access to high-quality support in using data to identify educational problems and help identify and monitor credible solutions. RDLs help support this goal by providing regional support through their affiliation with an ESC and/or SST.

## **Membership Benefits**

All members will have access to shared network documents and resources. Additional benefits include regular email updates from the Department of Education and Workforce Office of Accountability, open-access to professional development opportunities, access to field experts, an avenue for increased collaboration among dedicated individuals, and a centralized place for communication.

Although all network members have access to training and professional development opportunities, if enrollment is limited for an opportunity, priority registration will be given to Regional Data Leads or those employed at an ESC or SST seeking to become a Regional Data Lead.

## **Expectations of General Network Members**


OEDP Network members share a common vision for all Ohio educators to use data in meaningful ways to improve outcomes for students. Participating in monthly virtual meet-ups, sharing resources, collaborating with network peers, asking difficult questions, listening carefully, and engaging in problems of practice are just some of the ways that members can help advance the network's mission and vision.

## **Expectations of Regional Data Leads**

- Attend virtual and/or face to face RDL network meetings
- Have knowledge of data, terminology, supporting resources and training materials necessary to support the meaningful use of data in schools
- Contribute to the development of content and materials
- Participate in networking among RDLs and the Department of Education and Workforce
- Commit to regional/statewide collaborative efforts to meet the professional development needs of districts
- Maintain an understanding of state policies and initiatives that impact data use in schools

# Updating Membership Status and Contact Information

Members may update their contact information through [Gov Delivery](#):

- Local Report Cards & Accountability
  - Local Report Cards & Accountability updates
  - Ohio Education Data Professionals (OEDPN) Network updates 

# Communication

## Membership Types

The OEDP Network has virtual monthly meetups the third Friday of every month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Microsoft Teams. There is no meetup in July.

### 2023-2024 MEETING DATES

Members can join the meetups through this [Microsoft Teams Link](#)

August 18, 2023	January 19, 2024	June 21, 2024
September 15, 2023	February 16, 2024	
October 20, 2023	March 15, 2024	
November 17, 2023	April 19, 2024	
December 15, 2023	May 17, 2024	

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