Ohio Education Data Professionals Network

Member Handbook

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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.

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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 memberships 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 (EVAAS University)
     - 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).

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3. Employed by an ESC/SST

Regional Data Leads must be employed by 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 employment with an ESC and/or SST.

Membership Benefits

Additional membership benefits include monthly newsletters 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.

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
- 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 meetings the first Tuesday and third Friday of every month from 9- 10:30 a.m. on Microsoft Teams. There is no meeting in July.

2025 Meeting Dates	March 4, 2025
December 3, 2024	March 21, 2025
December 20, 2024	April 1, 2025
January 7, 2025	April 18, 2025
January 17, 2025	May 6, 2025
February 4, 2025	May 16, 2025
February 21, 2025	June 3, 2025

For any questions related to the OEDPN, contact DataNetwork@education.ohio.gov.