

**72-9604. Boards of education required to establish and maintain programs; standards and criteria; methods of compliance.** (a) Each board shall establish and maintain a professional development program for certificated personnel of the school district. Professional development programs shall meet standards and criteria set by the state board.

(b) Each board, in complying with the requirements of subsection (a), may:

(1) Develop policies and plans for the provision of professional development programs based on identified needs at the individual, building and district levels;

(2) provide for professional development programs at any time during the school year;

(3) contract with area professional development centers and authorized educational agencies in providing for professional development programs; and

(4) enter into cooperative or interlocal agreements with one or more other school districts in providing for professional development programs.

**History:** L. 1984, ch. 260, § 4; L. 1992, ch. 89, § 3; L. 1994, ch. 172, § 3; L. 2003, ch. 9, § 5; July 1.