



What is a Professional Learning Community?

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As GGCA begins to implement Professional Learning Communities (PLC), a powerful strategy to improve student learning, we want to involve all of our school families in the process. You are your child's primary educators, and as such, vitally important members of our instructional team. GGCA teachers are excited to be participating in PLCs and will be giving periodic reports of progress to families.

Teachers in Professional Learning Communities work to:

- Determine what students will learn and what instructional strategies will be used to ensure every student is reached.
- Choose and evaluate what kind of assessments will be used to check for student understanding and achievement.
- Identify strategies to help support struggling students.
- Design and assess usefulness of learning activities.
- Communicate with staff and school families to report progress.

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PLCs are carefully designed collaborations between school faculty and teachers, in which team members actively evaluate and choose instructional strategies and assessments that will best serve our students. PLCs are not just a type of meeting, they are a type of continual, progressive investment in the future of our students.



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