



Getting the Most Out of Your Summer

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School is nearly out!

It's time to look forward to the warmer weather and extra time with family. It's a time to rest and re-energize ourselves. However, many teachers will also be preparing for next year by participating in summer professional development.

There are lots of professional development options for teachers and only a few short months before school starts again. So, what can you do to get the most out of your summer PD?

First, **start with a goal**. What do you wish to get out of your summer PD?

- New strategies or skills?
- Advancement toward a degree?
- Perhaps, simply, the opportunity to re-energize?

Once you have clarified what you need, **consider the type of PD** that will work best for you. If you are juggling summer school, child care, and a busy family calendar, then [online training options](#) may work best for you. If you have more time or flexibility, then [in-person PD or even PD involving travel](#) may be options.

Where to look? Well, there are a lot of options out there. Ask other teachers for recommendations. Look to reputable schools and organizations. As we all know, not all professional development is created equal.

Finally, **show up ready to learn**. That starts with:

- a positive attitude
- involves active participation
- and ends with an opportunity to process what you have learned

Consider:

- writing down your key take-aways
- plan to debrief with fellow participant over an iced coffee
- try teaching what you learned to a teacher friend

Enjoy your summer and happy learning!