

Amendments

Amendment I: Minimum Standards for Funding of a Teacher Center

To receive North Dakota Teacher Center Network funds, a Teacher Center will demonstrate the following:

1. An up-to-date governance document which provides for:
 - a. A mission focused on in-service education or professional development of teachers.
 - b. A policy board composition, which is representative of the service area and includes a majority of teachers.
 - c. Designation of a director who is or has been a teacher and is hired for a minimum of twenty hours per week during the school term.
 - d. Personnel policies that include provision for employment and annual evaluation of the director.
2. An annual statement of goals for the Teacher Center formulated by the policy board-this could be reflected by minutes from minutes outlining goals and projects.
3. That the policy board meets regularly a minimum of three times a year.
4. Participation in activities of the Center by teachers distributed within the designated service area or evidence of regular invitation to participate.
5. Distribution of at least six newsletters per year to the service area and other Teacher Centers, DPI and entities that the Center deems necessary.
6. Active participation in activities formally approved by the Teacher Center Network.
7. Develop and maintain for checkout a collection of materials developed according to the Teacher Center and Network goals.
8. Development and coordination of programs for teacher in-services or professional development consistent with the goals of the Teacher Center as determined by the local policy board.
9. Facilitation of linkages with teachers by other agencies (such as Game & Fish, The ND Heritage Center, NASA, etc.) as appropriate to Teacher Center goals.
10. Participation in programs of the Department of Public Instruction related to the Teacher Center goals.
11. Commitment to the site demonstrated by substantial contribution of funds or in-kind resources from local school districts, universities and/or other constituents.
12. Develop and present a Center's budget to the Center's governing agency before or at the first meeting of the fiscal year.
13. Submission of an annual report by August 1 of each year.

The annual report will be presented at the October Meeting of the Teacher Center Network. The Advisory Committee will review a subsequent finalized draft. Teacher Centers found in noncompliance with the Network minimum standards will be dealt with by the Advisory Board.