

Professional Development from Experiential Learning

What do teachers gain from traveling with us?

WorldStrides professional development is unique. It is far removed from the time spent in the school's library listening to an "expert" talk for hours. Instead, our professional development opportunities allow teachers to consider the specific needs of their classes, their students, and their school. By working closely with WorldStrides staff from start to finish, teachers gain valuable skills and tools that can be implemented beyond the travel program. While teachers earn professional development certificates that can support license renewal, they also benefit from the following:

Continuing Education

- ✓ Teachers expand their personal experience and knowledge.
- ✓ Teachers learn from content area specialists.
- ✓ Teachers see other instructors from their schools working with the students.
- ✓ Teachers see other instructors from our programs working with the students.
- ✓ Teachers develop leadership roles within the school and the community.



Innovative Instruction

- ✓ Teachers witness various uses of technology.
- ✓ Teachers receive instructional materials for pre-, on- and post-trip instruction.
- ✓ Teachers accumulate additional examples, models, and forms of teaching and learning to inform differentiated instruction.

Exchange of Information

- ✓ Teachers draw interdisciplinary connections between their own content areas and others.
- ✓ Teachers benefit from sustained collaboration and interaction with fellow educators from the school.
- ✓ Teachers participate in a network of educators who share appreciation for experiential learning.

Increased Understanding of Students' Needs

- ✓ Teachers build relationships with the students.
- ✓ Teachers help students to develop leadership qualities.
- ✓ Teachers gain an understanding of the adolescent perspective that informs improved instruction in the classroom.
- ✓ Teachers expand their understanding of students' lives outside of school.
- ✓ Teachers enable students to experience the same places and events that they've studied in the classroom.
- ✓ Teachers encourage students to learn about learning outside of the classroom.

Want to learn more about WorldStrides PD?

Visit our resource page at [Professional Development Resources](#) for supplementary documents to support and extend your learning beyond your program.



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