

Professional Development from Experiential Learning

What do directors 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 directors to consider the specific needs of their classes, their students, and their school. By working closely with WorldStrides staff from start to finish, directors gain valuable skills and tools that can be implemented beyond the travel program. While directors earn professional development certificates that can support license renewal, they also benefit from the following:



Continuing Education

- ✓ Directors expand their personal experience and knowledge.
- ✓ Directors learn from content area specialists.
- ✓ Directors conduct performances in a variety of unique venues.
- ✓ Directors see other instructors from their schools working with the students.
- ✓ Directors see other instructors from our programs working with the students.
- ✓ Directors develop leadership roles within the school and the community.

Innovative Instruction

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

Exchange of Information

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

Increased Understanding of Students' Needs

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