

PD Standards Alignment

At Banzai, we believe that when teachers succeed, students succeed. That's why we've developed a professional development program that is free for all educators and in alignment with key principles from the U.S. Department of Education's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Learning Forward's Standards for Professional Development (2022 Revision).

Aligned with ESSA

ESSA emphasizes professional development as “sustained, intensive, collaborative, job-embedded, data-driven and classroom focused.”

Sustained & Intensive: Our monthly PD webinar series, both live and recorded, provides a continual way for teachers to learn best practices and trends. Our annual Back-to-School Bootcamp offers a deep dive into our products and current educational topics.

Collaborative: Every session includes opportunities for teachers to ask questions and share ideas. We feature presentations from experienced teachers and sessions with our Teacher Advisory Board.

Job-Embedded: Our webinars address real-world teaching challenges like teacher burnout and meeting state standards. We also provide day-to-day support to help educators navigate any issues that arise.

Data-Driven: We gather direct feedback after every webinar and rely on teacher suggestions to refine our offerings and generate new ideas. We also use real-classroom beta testing for all of our games and tools.

Classroom-Focused: Just like our resources, our PD sessions are centered on practical classroom applications. We empower teachers with content and resources they can use the very next day.

Aligned with Learning Forward

Learning Forward's Standards for Professional Learning focus on high-quality learning design.

Rigorous Content: Our content is related to financial literacy and life skills curriculum. We offer training on new curriculum and assessment tools, instructional strategies, and current educational trends.

Transformational Processes: The highly collaborative design of our webinars offers opportunities for teachers to learn from each other and experts. On-demand recordings make content accessible when it's convenient for teachers.

Conditions for Success: Our broad library of resources covers topics like financial literacy, digital citizenship, and college and career prep. Teachers have opportunities to present to their peers and apply for our Teacher Advisory Board. We also offer one-on-one curriculum implementation training.