



Professional Development Frequently Asked Questions

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- How do I register for a professional development session?
 - There are different types of PD delivery see below
 - Regional In – Person and Remote PD Sessions - You can register yourself or small groups using our Eventbrite registration which is accessible using the registration link on the *FIRST*® PD webpage, detailed information about the PD and pricing is also located on the website and Eventbrite. <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
 - District PD - You can request a quote for us to come to you if you have a group of 10 or more and a location for delivery. Use the portal on the webpage to request a quote. <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
 - Registration is through the link on the website and Eventbrite. If you have questions or need help with registration email FIRSTEducation@firstinspires.org
- How long or how many days is in person regional professional development?
 - *FIRST*® LEGO® League Discover (grades PreK-1) – 1 Day (6 hours)
 - *FIRST*® LEGO® League Explore (grades 2-4) – 2 Days (12 hours)
 - *FIRST*® LEGO® League Challenge (grades 4-8) – 2 Days (14 hours)
 - *FIRST*® Tech Challenge (grades 7-12) – 2 Days (14 hours)
 - *FIRST*® Tech Challenge Academy (grades 7-12) – 4 or 5 Days (40 hours)
- What does it cost to attend a regional PD?
 - *FIRST* Tech Challenge Academy costs \$2500 per participant
 - *FIRST* LEGO League Explore, *FIRST* LEGO® League Challenge and *FIRST* Tech Challenge costs \$500 per participant
 - *FIRST* LEGO League Discover cost \$250 per participant
 - Payment information and instructions are listed within the registration link on Eventbrite
- What are the regional in-person locations?
 - All in-person locations currently scheduled are listed on the PD webpage <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
- How do I pay?
 - Payment information and instructions are listed within the Eventbrite registration link <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
- Are the Professional Development fees refundable (due to schools being closed, COVID-19 concerns, etc.?)
 - Professional Development fees are non-refundable but can be transferred and applied to another date or location before June 30, 2023.
- Will we offer virtual Professional Development courses?
 - Yes we are now offering a remote option for professional development. See the website for complete details. <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
- Will the Professional Development courses be canceled if so, how far in advance will I be notified?

- Based on guidance from local governments and the CDC, *FIRST* Professional Development sessions are subject to cancellation or rescheduling based on local conditions. We will send an email to all registered participants at that time with any changes.
- If these are cancelled the cancellation policy will apply but we will have alternative options for you to choose from at that time.
- Is there training in my area?
 - To view final *FIRST* Professional Development sites for 2022 to 2023 please visit the PD website, you can also sign up to receive information about *FIRST* Professional Development and be notified when new locations or offerings are added, or to inquire about bringing PD to your area. <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
- For remote professional development what is a cohort?
 - A cohort is the date and time frame sequence that you are required to choose as an option to attend for remote professional development. All members of the cohort will be the same throughout the series.
- What equipment do I need for remote professional development?
 - Each course requires specific equipment to successfully complete the course. For a complete listing view the course descriptions below or on the website <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/professional-development>
- What if I cannot attend all sessions in a cohort for the remote PD option?
 - To maintain the integrity of the course and have a cohesive experience attendance at each session in a cohort is mandatory to receive successful completion credit for the course
 - You are also not allowed to switch between cohorts
- Will there be more sessions for remote professional development than are showing on the website?
 - We will add additional sessions throughout the remainder of 2022 and into 2023, approximately 6 – 8 weeks prior to the start of the courses.
- Will remote professional development prepare me to run a *FIRST* team or classroom remotely or with hybrid, blended learning environments?
 - Through participation in our professional development, you are better prepared to facilitate *FIRST* programs and it does not specifically address implementations in blended or remote learning environments.
- PD Sessions where “we come to you” needs to be quoted, then scheduled. We do not provide robots or other *FIRST* materials for these sessions. Sites must have appropriate equipment on site.