

Professional Development Schools (PDS) Operating Principles

Georgia Southern University

Preamble:

The following describes the general operating principles under which professional development schools and Georgia Southern University will operate. Although we recognize that each partnership is unique, these principles are intended to guide all work associated with this important program.

Shared Purpose is to collaborate for improved learning for all (simultaneous renewal).

Shared Commitment to:

- facilitate and support optimal learning and development of all students and educators in a democratic setting.
- ongoing professional development for all educators.
- research and inquiry into improving practice, P-22.
- prepare educators to positively impact student learning outcomes.

Acknowledge that:

- a governance structure will guide the work of the partnership.
- the partnership will mutually benefit from shared resources, knowledge, experiences and training.
- the partnership will be committed to field experiences and clinical practice, pursuing professional development identified by school improvement plans, and encouraging and supporting action research.

Collaborative activities that are mutually beneficial to both parties and focus on improved learning and teaching for all that may include one or more of the following:

- field experiences hosted by P-12 schools
- university faculty teach courses on site in P-12 schools
- professional development to include induction
- action research
- service and/or service learning activities