



PSD Insight

Creating an informed citizenry who can help impact
the future of education in our community

PSD Insight is a leadership program designed to inform participants about the governance, operations, budget and curriculum of Poudre School District. The goal is to educate and motivate leaders who want to get involved in education and/or our local schools and help shape the future for our 30,000 students.

The program is designed to:

- Broaden participants' knowledge of the school district
- Encourage participants to get involved in PSD and its schools
- Increase the strength and effectiveness of our educational advocates
- Equip participants to respond to the current and future challenges of the school district and public education
- Provide opportunities for direct contact with people, schools and district operations

Important Information

Applicants must: Reside or be employed within the Poudre School District boundaries and be at least 21 years of age at the time of application. **Class members are expected to attend all sessions**

PSD Insight requires full participation. Only those willing to thoughtfully and completely fill out an application and attend all nine program sessions need apply. Class meets monthly between September 27, 2019 and May 14th, 2020 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. A light breakfast and beverages will be provided at each session.

Session topics include:

- Superintendent and Board of Education
- Welcome
- School Finance
- Facilities
- Security
- Human Resources
- Communications and PSDTV
- Instructional Programs
- School Choice
- Futures Lab
- Post-Secondary Readiness
- Mental Health
- Language, Culture and Equity
- Integrated Services
- Early Childhood Program
- Student Assessments
- Research and Evaluation

An Application Review Committee will review all applications and select up to 28 participants for the class. Applicants not selected for the 2019 program may apply for a future PSD Insight class but must reapply.

Please contact **Beth Higgins, Community Partnerships Coordinator** with questions.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019 AT 4:30 PM.

EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by September 17, 2019

2019-20 PSD Insight Application

Deadline: Friday, August 30 at 4:30 pm

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Name: _____

Employer/Title: _____

Home Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How long have you lived and/or worked in the PSD area? _____

Sector of community you represent (check all that apply):

- Parent Social Services Other _____
 Government Business
 Higher Education Faith Community
 Non-Profit General Community Member

1. Attach to this completed application: *your resume (optional) and answers to the essay questions below. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
2. Submit your application to Poudre School District by email (bhiggins@psdschools.org) or mail/delivery (1630 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO 80525).

PSD Staff has outlined an excellent program for the benefit of participants. It is understood that any applicant accepted for the program will attend all sessions in their entirety. Please review the schedule below and take into consideration your time commitments before applying.

Schedule (All dates are final; locations are confirmed in September)

Session Topics	Location	Date	Time
Session 1: Welcome; Insight Overview	JSSC Boardroom	Sept. 27, 2019	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 2: Finance & Student Based Budgeting	Fossil Ridge HS	Oct. 10	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 3: Facilities & Security	Blevins MS	Nov. 14	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 4: Human Resources & Communications	Partnership Center	Dec. 12	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 5: Instructional Programs & School Choice	Harris ES	Jan. 9, 2020	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 6: Futures Lab & Career and Technical Education	Fort Collins HS	Feb. 13	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Session 7: Mental Health & Language, Culture and Equity	Werner ES	Mar. 12	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Session 8: Integrated Services & Early Childhood Education	Tavelli ES	Apr. 9	9:00 – 11:000 a.m.*
Session 9: Assessment & Evaluation and Research	Partnership Center	May 14	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

***Please note time change.** Agendas and information will be provided by email one week prior to each class. Participants will be invited to attend a Board of Education Recognition in June 2020.

- **By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I will attend all sessions and have received my employer's approval, if applicable.**

Signature

Date

Essay Questions

Limit 150 words per question (attach to application)

1. Why do you want to be a part of PSD Insight?
2. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Poudre School District? What are some potential solutions?
3. What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in PSD Insight?
4. How do you see yourself getting involved in schools in the future?