

KSDC Professional Learning Community Award

Deadline for submission for award: December 15

KSDC wants to recognize schools that are working to improve student achievement through quality staff development practices.

Your school can apply —

- Complete this form.
- Answer the questions listed at the end of this application - all 4!
- Complete the KSDC Professional Learning Community Award rubric, which is posted on the KSDC website.
- Attach evidence.

- Submit all the above items (postmarked on or before December 15) to:

Sheri Thomas, KSDC Awards Team

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Please limit your answers to two pages, 12 pt. font size. *Please make note: Without evidence, we will not accept the application for consideration.*

Up to two schools will be recognized at the KSDC Leadership Conference. *(You do not need to be present to win.)* Those exemplary schools will each receive:

- A certificate of recognition
- A banner for the school announcing the award
- A one-year building membership in KSDC
- Two registrations at the KSDC Fall Institute

School Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Contact Name _____ Title _____

Direct any questions concerning this application to Sheri Thomas, thomass@mclouth.org

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Calling All Kansas Schools!

Professional Learning Community Awards

National Staff Development Council's (NSDC) purpose is that "Every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves." On a separate sheet of paper, please provide brief, but descriptive responses to the following questions considering how the NSDC strategic priorities (Examining the Evidence, Developing School Leaders, Narrowing the Achievement Gap, Affecting the Policy Context, and Engaging Thought Leaders) are being implemented in your school.

On a separate sheet or sheets of paper, please provide brief, but descriptive answers to the following questions:

1. What does staff development look like, feel like, and/or sound like in your school?
Please describe the building's learning environment for the adults in terms of structures and activities for learning.
2. What initiatives has your school implemented and how has staff development impacted that implementation?
3. What results will you present as evidence of the impact of quality staff development in your building? *Please describe how these results drive decision making in designing, implementing and evaluating staff development.*
4. How does your staff celebrate achievement? What incentives are provided to help them continue to progress as adult learners?