

# What is an EdCamp?

- [One day \(usually on a weekend\), free, professional development for educators](#)

Where are EdCamps?

- [all over](#)



- except SWPA!



I believe City High should host the first EdCamp of SWPA

- We also consider ourselves a place where educators can come and have conversations about best practices so it fits into our school's vision of sharing/learning from one another.
- We have the technology infrastructure
- Our location makes us available to many people in the SWPA region

## What we would need from City High

- Access to the school on Saturday
  - using the auditorium, 9th grade wing and 10th grade wing, possibly cafeteria
  - we are told to make plans to accommodate 300 people - I expect 100

## When?

- projected date - September/October 2013
  - **October 5** or September 21 or **Columbus day weekend (oct 12)**
    - There is a EdCamp in the works in Cranberry in May, we are worried two a month apart is pushing it
    - We are worried educators will be in “vacation mode” in June
    - We can ride the wave of September new year energy

## Costs?

- Engineer/Security/Lights/Heat
- Breakfast and lunch should be provided by sponsors, *not* City High
  - looking for a sponsor for morning breakfast
  - if we cannot find a sponsor for lunch - we'll set people loose in Market Square

## Things to keep in mind

- The target audience are educators in Southwest Pennsylvania
  - public/charter/private, tech/luddites, union/non-union, elementary/high school/higher-ed
  - interested in sharing best practices/having conversations about education
- The idea of an EdCamp is informal, simple
  - no keynotes, no set schedules until the day of event
  - “vote with your feet” - if something doesn't keep your interest, leave and find something else
  - poster sessions - people walk around

## What's a typical session?

- Conversations on how to model Digital Citizenship
- Sucks or Rocks - take a strategy/technique and people discuss if it sucks or rocks
- Twitter for Educators
- How many people do we expect?
  - we will plan to accommodate 300 but expect between 50-150
- How long will it last
  - one day 8:30am - 3:30 pm
    - 8:30-9:30 one hour welcoming/ meet and greet/ breakfast provided (by sponsor)
    - 9:30 introduction (perhaps mini-keynote)
      - session provided
    - 10 am breakout sessions
    - 11 am breakout session
    - 12 lunch
      - more sessions provided
    - 1pm poster sessions/breakout sessions
    - 2pm breakout sessions
    - 3pm closings

- What do we expect to need?
  - need 2 haves
    - rooms
      - auditorium
        - circle tables out w/ chairs around them
        - access to projector and podium
      - 9th grade wing
        - access to projectors/speakers in each room
      - 10th grade wing
        - access to projectors/speakers in each room
    - tech
      - wifi access for guest
    - access to arrive and enter w/out cards
      - welcoming host posted at door?
    - students!
      - NHS
      - TeenBloc
    - teachers!
      - 5+
    - volunteers
      - greeter
      - time keeper / Attempted Answer-er
      - tech support
      - snack guru
    - insurance for event (I know at our school insurance is not needed if someone who is an employee is running the event - L)
  - nice 2 haves
    - cafeteria
      - if we find funding, could chef prepare lunch?
        - alternate plans
          - attendees pay for lunch we provide in cash
          - attendees have lunch provided by sponsors
          - attendees leave for lunch and return after lunch
    - Schwag
      - ask potential partners/sponsors if they'd like to give anything away like
        - bags
        - magnets
        - pins
        - shirts
        - lanyards
- What do we need money/sponsors for?
  - breakfast
    - possibly lunch
  - cost to open facility for day

- Who are we reaching out to?
  - Spark fund/Sprout/Hive/Remake Learning
  - CreateLab
  - AIU3
  - Google
  - PGH Tech Company
  - TRETc
  - PPS/PFT
  - Carnegie Library youth Library
  - PodCamp PGH
  - Universities in Area (CMU, Duq, Pitt, Robert Morris)
  - Yinzeration
  - A+ Schools
  - Awesome PGH
  - Center for Creativity
  - Scholastic - Rob Furman connection
  - PAIS (Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools - sponsor?)
  - PCIS - Pittsburgh consortium of indy schools
  - PAECT - Jana Baxter is [jana.baxter@aiu3.net](mailto:jana.baxter@aiu3.net)
  - Opt out parents - Kathy M. Newman [kn4@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:kn4@andrew.cmu.edu)