## Writing Goals for the Individualized Professional Development Plan (IPDP) Activity

Add to the table below by inserting a new row (right click on any row-->Insert new row below). Then in each column add an appropriate element that can be used to create a goal. Explain each of your choices in the discussion forum. When you are ready to write an IPDP, refer to this table for ideas to use.

To create a goal, choose the phrase from each column that best describes what you intend to achieve through professional development and write a complete sentence. You DO NOT have to choose the phrases that are listed in the same row. You may always revise the phrases or create similar phrases as needed to write your individualized goals.

State an Intention to Engage in Learning	Describe an Area of Focus for the Learning	Include the Rationale
I will acquire	multiple strategies	to improve the quality of the instructional program
I will investigate	interdisciplinary strategies	to improve assessment
I will enhance my abilities	special needs students	to increase communication
I will improve my skills	interpreting and using data	to help me plan appropriate lessons
	for leading, collaborating with, and mentoring staff	in order to support the needs of both students and colleagues
I will take graduate coursework	collaborative learning	to increase student learning
I will increase my knowledge	leading students	to help me plan appropriate interventions to improve student behavior
I will further my understanding	mentoring	to increase student success
I will develop ways to help students	demonstrate the ability to solve the most common tech problems	in order to increase student efficiency
I will further my use	methods	to encourage creative thinking
I will develop	collaboration with teachers	to improve students' problem-solving abilities
I will participate in professional development	student age group development	to enhance student learning
	student discipline	to promote a positive learning environment
I will discover	new and creative independent study techniques	to enhance differentiated instruction within my classroom.
	technology	to help in evaluating student progress

I will increase my knowledge	educational technology as it pertains to both instruction and assessment	to better serve my students' needs as technology advances
	classroom management	to work toward my master's degree
	21 <sup>st</sup> century skills	to implement in my classroom
	differentiated instruction	to increase student learning
	student motivation	to increase family participation in learning
	classroom environment	
	communication strategies	
	assessment and observations of students	to better understand students knowledge in order to better support their learning
	effective instruction	to increase healthy teacher/parent relations
	identified gifted students	
	family partnerships	
I will engage	writing IEP Goals	to improve student understanding
I will implement	hands on learning	to meet the learning needs for all students
I will further develop	classroom management strategies	to improve the overall behavior of the classroom
I will further develop	proficiency in technology that supports instruction through the internet, workshops, and ongoing tech updates	to better prepare students for their future.
I will investigate	multiple strategies	to enhance differentiated learning within my classroom.
I will refine my skills	collaboration with peers	to enhance interdisciplinary learning opportunities.
I will enhance my understanding of	best practices for early literacy development	to ensure students develop proper foundational reading skills for first grade.

## Sample goals:

I will take graduate coursework in collaborative learning to implement in my class and to work toward my master's degree.

I will increase my knowledge of teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of collaboration and problem-solving to help me plan appropriate lessons.