

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

October 25, 2019

Good Afternoon SD 308 Family! We Got This!

Each Friday we will provide you with a quick list of important announcements, personnel information, awards, and shout outs! **Please submit** content for Friday Updates to: communications@sd308.org.....*thank you!*

Pass It On! is a way to send a shout out, a thank you, or a note of gratitude to any SD 308 staff member. To send a Pass It On! to a peer..... visit www.sd308.org/PassItOn.

Thank You Principals

Today is Principal Appreciation Day in Illinois. This state-endorsed occasion honors the work and commitment of principals in schools throughout Illinois. State Superintendent Carmen Ayala created a [message of appreciation](#) to all Illinois principals.

At SD 308 we are so grateful for leadership and commitment our principals and assistant-principals provide. Today and all year long, we appreciate you and all you do for your students and staff, families and the community. Thank you!

It's Open Enrollment Time (October 21 - November 1)

This is your chance to choose your benefits for the upcoming year.

- 1) Go to enroll.benefitsconnected.net/cusd
- 2) Enter your **username** (up to the first characters of your last name, first character of your first name, and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number); Enter your **password** (your full 9 digit SSN without dashes)
- 3) Follow prompts to review your existing benefit selections
- 4) Review your selections, dependent elections, then click "Finish" to enroll

Please note: You will need the date of birth and SSN for each of your dependents (if applicable). These are required to enroll them in eligible benefits and to complete your beneficiary designation. Please review your current elections. You have the opportunity to make changes to the benefits that you are currently enrolled in and also have the option to enroll in additional benefits. Keep in mind - your current elections will carry over if you don't make a change, with the exception of flexible spending plans, which do require an active election to continue beyond the end of this plan year. For more information, [click here](#). [FAQ - click here](#).

Licensure Renewal Professional Development Hours

Please remember that beginning with the 2015-2020 renewal cycle, and every cycle thereafter, there are no longer any reductions for licensure renewal professional development hours. There will no longer be any reductions for advanced degrees, National certifications, etc., since these "pre-July 1, 2014" activities, as allowed under 25.800(e) of Administrative Code, were last applicable to FY 2020 license renewal.

Below is the baseline number of professional development hours educators will owe for license renewal, beginning with licenses renewed this spring/summer:

- Licensees Holding National Board for Professional Teachers Certification: 60 hours (if serving in an administrative role, 1 Administrator Academy per year is also required)
- Teachers who are not National Board Certified: 120 hours
- School Support Personnel who are not National Board Certified: 120 hours
- Administrators who are not National Board Certified: 100 hours + 1 Administrator Academy per fiscal year

Educators who are due to renew their licenses this spring/summer should begin taking additional professional development hours now so they will be able to accumulate the required hours needed to renew their licenses. Please contact licensure@isbe.net or (217) 557-6763 with questions.

Halloween Bash Today

OHS NEHS invites kids to join in some fun this afternoon at the Halloween Bash! The event is free and open to kids of all ages, in the OHS Cafeteria from 4-6 today. To view the flyer [click here](#).

Educator Discounts

Many local and national businesses offer discounts for educators! Here are a few highlights:

JOANN Fabric: JOANN Fabric offers an exclusive 15% discount on in-store and online orders to educators with valid ID when they sign up for the JOANN Teacher Rewards Program.

Budget Truck Rental: Budget Truck Rental offers U.S. teachers a 20% truck rental discount on local moves, and a 15% discount on one-way moves using the code TEACH.

Samsung: Teachers can get up to 30% off when they sign up for the Samsung Student & Educator Discount Program.

WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:

As a reminder - All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the Communications Tab

Annual Required Notices

The following attached materials are being provided to you, as required by Federal and Illinois law:

[Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)

[Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act \(WHCRA\) Notice](#)

[Medicare Part D Notice for CUSD 308 Active Employees](#)

Required Staff Training

The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials are now live for the 2019-2020 school year. This year, tutorials must be completed by March 31, 2020. To access these tutorials, please visit www.gcntraining.com. The organization ID is 58077d, and your user ID is your five digit employee ID number. If you have any questions or need any assistance accessing the GCN training tutorials, please contact Kris Odum at 630.636.3081 or kodum@sd308.org.

The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery. - Mark Van Doren