

EdTech Peer Learning Cohort

Strengthening Technology Systems Together

WHAT IS THE EDTECH PLC?

The Office of EdTech welcomes 8-12 EdTech Leaders annually into the EdTech Peer Learning Cohort. They are supported in strengthening their foundational technology systems to support their own district's overall vision, mission, and priorities. The cohort work hinges on the OET Strategic Planning Guide, or SPG. The SPG provides a comprehensive understanding of edtech in K-12 districts by showcasing seven key focus areas grouped by the relevant essential skills. Overall systemic strength in these focus areas is necessary for an edtech leader to drive ongoing, strategic, intentional, and sustainable edtech ecosystems. Using the SPG-aligned self-assessment, coaches help team leaders identify their focus for the year.

WHAT ARE THE PLC ACTIVITIES?

OET supports individual edtech district leaders through an initial cohort intake interview, a self-assessment, monthly 1-1 coaching meetings from August to June, district site visits, assistance with team member selection, strategic planning, and more! Team leaders also benefit from collaborative meetings with other cohort team leaders, where they will have a chance to share ideas, network, and problem solve throughout the course of the year. Each team leader, with the support of their DESE coach and the input of their district team, will identify a customized problem of practice for their time in the cohort.

Problems of Practice are:

- aligned to individual school system priorities.
- informed by the Strategic Planning Guide's Self-Assessment.
- targeted to a particular technology process and
- center equity.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT TO THE COHORT?

The work runs from the initial acceptance of the team leader into the cohort through June 2026.

Team Leaders can expect to dedicate 30-45 minutes a month with an OET coach for individual coaching calls and an additional 1-2 hours of in-district work between coaching meetings.

There will be at least one district visit lasting anywhere from 2-3 hours, and at least twice during the year, there will be 1.5 to 2-hour team leader meetings.

Team leaders will be responsible for their in-district work, like recruiting and identifying team members, regularly meeting with their team, engaging with stakeholders as needed, and creating artifacts and work products.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- ❑ [Complete the interest form](#) as soon as possible.
- ❑ Schedule your introductory call to confirm whether your district is a good fit for the PLC. Calls are conducted on a rolling basis through the 1st week of August.
- ❑ OET will send out the official welcome letters announcing the SY25-26 Cohort.
- ❑ The first round of one-to-one coaching calls begin in August.

How do I apply to be part of the cohort or how do I ask questions?

Show your interest in the cohort by [applying online](#) or email your questions to k12edtech@mass.gov.