



2025-2026 Flexible Instructional Day (FID) Program

The application to offer a Flexible Instructional Day (FID) program during the 2025-2026 school year will be available on the PDE website on or before April 1, 2025. Public school entities will access and submit the FID application via the [Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal \(FRCPP\)](#). The deadline for submitting applications for the 2025-2026 school year is June 1, 2025.

Public school entities that had an accepted FID application beginning with the 2022-23 school year should decide whether to reapply as their application will expire at the end of the 2024-25 school year. School entities cannot use an FID without an accepted application. A list of accepted applicants with effective and termination dates can be found at [Flexible Instructional Day Program webpage](#). Below is an overview of the FID program and the 2025-2026 application process.

For additional information, including the FID guidance considerations and law, contact the PDE School Services Office at ra-fid@pa.gov or visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) [Flexible Instructional Day Program webpage](#).

Background and Eligibility

[Section 1506 of the Public School Code](#) allows public school entities to develop an FID program to meet the 180 instructional day requirement of section 1501. Eligible school entities include school districts, intermediate units, career and technical schools, charter schools and regional charter schools, as defined under section 1703-A.

While public school entities are expected to build make-up days into their local school calendars, FID programs can support the public school entities in cases when circumstances (e.g., a disease epidemic, a hazardous weather condition, a law enforcement emergency, the inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the public school entity's operation, damage to a school building, or another temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use) prevent the delivery of instruction in its customary manner or location.

FID Use Update

Effective the 2022-23 SY, public school entities with accepted applications were permitted to this program for a single school building such as an elementary school if it is used for a reason noted in Section 1506. If a public school entity with an accepted application does use a FID for one building, this would count as one of the five days permitted each year for the entire public school entity.

A public school entity electing to participate must develop a local FID program that meets the assurances outlined in the application and have the FID program be approved by its Board of School Directors prior to acceptance by PDE.

Timeline

The 2025-2026 FID application will be available on the PDE website using the [Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal \(FRCPP\)](#) no later than April 1, 2025. In accordance with 24 P.S. § 15-1506, the deadline for submitting 2025-2026 school year applications is June 1, 2025. If the public school entity submits its complete

application, including all required instructional exemplars and approved Board minutes or a Board affirmation statement by June 1, 2025, PDE will respond with a determination by August 1, 2025. There is nothing in statute that permits PDE to grant extensions. Please note: If all of the required contents are not included in the application by June 1, 2025, then the application would be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

If accepted by PDE, the FID program will be in place for a three-year period and may be renewed thereafter.

Accessing the FID Application

The option to create an FID application is no longer available on the SharePoint site. Public school entities whose applications were previously accepted, denied, saved or withdrawn on SharePoint may still access these documents, but keep in mind that the application has dramatically change and your responses may not be applicable to the current questions. Access to the FID SharePoint site is only granted to Superintendents/CAOs/Directors of IUs/CTCs. These individuals must have and use his/her PA User login name and password and he/she can use the steps noted above to obtain and/or update the PA User account. After these credentials are updated, then he/she should provide the user name to the FID program representative using the RA-FID@pa.gov Resource Account.

Public school entities will access and submit the 2025-2026 school year FID application using the [Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal \(FCRRP\)](#).

The first step to gaining access to the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal (FRCPP) is to ensure that you are a registered user in MyPDESuite. If you are not a registered user, please reference this document: [Register a Username and Log In](#).

Your school entity’s Local Security Administrator can add/remove FRCPP users in MyPDESuite. Instructions for adding users and a step-by-step guide for using the FRCPP is available in the [Accessing the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal and Gaining Access to LEA and School Plans](#).

For technical issues with accessing the portal, please contact the FRCPP Support Team at RA-EDFRCPP@pa.gov.

Annual Survey

PDE will issue an annual survey related to the efficacy of FID programs on or before April 30, 2025 to each public school entity with an accepted application for the 2024-2025 school year. Each public school entity is required to return the survey to PDE by June 30, 2025.

PDE will use the survey results to track FID usage, gauge overall effectiveness, and gather insights on implementation.



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