

**PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
2014-2015 CALENDAR**

Locations: Opening Session: Dixon University Center, Harrisburg
 Leadership Forum: Day 1: Gettysburg Battlefield; Day 2: U.S. Army War College, Carlisle
 Monthly Seminars: Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators' Headquarters
 Day at the Capitol: Pennsylvania Department of Education/State Capitol
 Graduation Luncheon: Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

DATE	SEMINAR TOPICS
Session 1 – Opening Retreat Part 1 Thursday, September 18, 2014 12:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Setting the Stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to the EPFP ▪ Changes in Society, Demography, Education ▪ Politics, Elections, and Public Policy in Pennsylvania ▪ Intersection of Local-State-Federal Policymaking ▪ Overview of Key Education Policy Issues
Session 1 – Opening Retreat Part 2 Friday, September 19, 2014 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	Making Public Policy in Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fundamentals of Education Policymaking ▪ Policy Players and the Process ▪ Roles of the State Board of Education and IRRC ▪ Role of Research and Data in Education Policy ▪ Roles of School Districts and School Boards
Regional Leadership Forum Part 1 Thursday, October 9, 2014 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Multi-State Evening Reception and Pennsylvania EPFP Dinner	Lessons in Leadership on the Gettysburg Battlefield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Ohio ▪ Guided Tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with Focus on Strategic Decisions that Directed the Actions of Union and Confederate Armies ▪ Visit to Gettysburg Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum ▪ Travel to Carlisle, Multi-State Networking Reception, and PA EPFP Dinner
Regional Leadership Forum Part 2 Friday, October 10, 2014 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	Lessons in Strategic Leadership from the U.S. Army War College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Ohio ▪ Leadership Lessons Learned from Gettysburg ▪ Leadership and Managing Change ▪ Strategic Thinking for Leaders
Session 2 Friday, November 7, 2014 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Leadership and Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definitions and Characteristics of Ethical Leadership ▪ Ethical Leadership Challenges in Varied Organizations ▪ Leadership for Change in Public Education
Session 3 Friday, December 5, 2014 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Ready for Success in College, Career, and Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nurturing an Educated Citizenry and Educated Workforce ▪ Early Education ▪ Ready for Success – 21st Century Skills ▪ The Arts, Museums, Libraries, and Lifelong Learning
Session 4 Friday, January 9, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	A Changing Education Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pennsylvania's Changing Demographics ▪ Adapting to the Needs of Our Diverse Student Population ▪ Preparing, Supporting, and Evaluating Educators ▪ Student Achievement: Academic Standards and Assessment
Session 5 Friday, February 6, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	School Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices ▪ Technology and New Opportunities ▪ Career Technical Education
Session 6 Friday, March 6, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	P-12 Education Funding Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in Pennsylvania ▪ Governor's Proposed 2015-2016 Education Budget ▪ Budget Challenges for School District Officials ▪ State Budget: Priorities and Options
Session 7 Friday, March 27, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Higher Education Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance and Funding of Higher Education ▪ Higher Education Access, Affordability and Quality ▪ Linking Education and Workforce Development Policy
Session 8 Friday, April 10, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family, School, and Community Partnerships ▪ Collaboration and Building Coalitions ▪ Making an Impact with Elected Officials
National Meeting April 19-22, 2015	IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar Washington, DC
Session 9 Friday, May 8, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm	Group Project Reports: Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Policy Seminar Debrief • Groups Present Project Reports
Session 10 Wednesday, May 27, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Day at the State Capitol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Briefings by Key Education Policy Staff ▪ Visit Legislative Offices and Present Policy Project Briefings ▪ Observe Legislative Meetings
Graduation Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors, and Alumni Radisson Hotel Harrisburg