

**PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM  
2015-2016 CALENDAR**

**Locations:** Opening Session: Radisson Hotel 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
<b>Session 1 - Opening Retreat Part 1</b> Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:00 pm – 8:30 pm	<b>Setting the Stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the EPFP</li> <li>▪ Changes in Society, Demography, and Education</li> <li>▪ Politics, Elections, and Public Policy in Pennsylvania</li> <li>▪ Intersection of Local-State-Federal Policymaking</li> <li>▪ Overview of Key Education Policy Issues</li> </ul>
<b>Session 2 - Opening Retreat Part 2</b> Friday, September 18, 2015 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Making Public Policy in Pennsylvania</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fundamentals of Education Policymaking</li> <li>▪ Policy Players and the Process</li> <li>▪ Roles of the State Board of Education and IRRC</li> <li>▪ Role of Research in Education Policy</li> <li>▪ Roles of School Districts and School Boards</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Leadership Forum Part 1</b> Thursday, October 8, 2015 9:00 am – 8:00 pm	<b>Lessons in Leadership on the Gettysburg Battlefield</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Ohio</li> <li>▪ Guided Tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with Focus on Strategic Decisions that Directed the Actions of Union and Confederate Armies</li> <li>▪ Visit to Gettysburg Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum</li> <li>▪ Travel to Carlisle, Multi-State Networking Reception, and PA EPFP Dinner</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Leadership Forum Part 2</b> Friday, October 9, 2015 8:30 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Lessons in Strategic Leadership from U.S. Army War College Faculty</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Ohio</li> <li>▪ Leadership Lessons Learned from Gettysburg</li> <li>▪ Leadership and Managing Change</li> <li>▪ Strategic Thinking for Leaders</li> </ul>
<b>Session 2</b> Friday, October 23, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Leadership and Ethics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Definitions and Characteristics of Ethical Leadership</li> <li>▪ Ethical Leadership Challenges in Varied Organizations</li> <li>▪ Leaders as Change Agents in Public Education</li> </ul>
<b>Session 3</b> Friday, November 13, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Ready for Success in College, Career, and Citizenship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nurturing an Educated Citizenry and Educated Workforce</li> <li>▪ Early Education</li> <li>▪ Ready for Success – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills</li> <li>▪ The Arts, Museums, Libraries, and Lifelong Learning</li> </ul>
<b>Session 4</b> Friday, December 4, 2015 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>A Changing Education Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pennsylvania's Changing Demographics</li> <li>▪ Adapting to the Needs of Our Diverse Student Population</li> <li>▪ Preparing, Supporting, and Evaluating Educators</li> <li>▪ Student Achievement: Academic Standards, Assessment, and Accountability</li> </ul>
<b>Session 5</b> Friday, January 15, 2016 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>School Choices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices</li> <li>▪ Technology and New Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Career and Technical Education</li> </ul>
<b>Session 6</b> Friday, February 5, 2016 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>P-12 Education Funding Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in Pennsylvania</li> <li>▪ Governor's Proposed 2016-2017 Education Budget</li> <li>▪ Budget Challenges for School District Officials</li> <li>▪ State Budget and Revenues: Priorities and Options</li> </ul>
<b>Session 7</b> Friday, March 4, 2016 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Postsecondary Education Policy Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Governance and Funding of Higher Education</li> <li>▪ Postsecondary Education Access, Affordability, and Quality</li> <li>▪ Linking Education and Workforce Development Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Session 8</b> Thursday, March 31, 2016 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Family, School, and Community Partnerships</li> <li>▪ Collaboration and Building Coalitions</li> <li>▪ Making an Impact with Elected Officials</li> </ul>
<b>National Meeting</b> April 13-16, 2016	<b>IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar</b> Washington, DC
<b>Session 8</b> Friday, May 6, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm	<b>Group Project Reports: Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Policy Seminar Debrief</li> <li>• Groups Present Project Reports</li> </ul>
<b>Session 9</b> Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Day at the State Capitol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Briefings by Key Education Policy Staff</li> <li>▪ Visit Legislative Offices and Present Policy Project Briefings</li> </ul>
<b>Graduation</b> Wednesday, June 8, 2016 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors, and Alumni</b> Radisson Hotel Harrisburg