

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program 2021-2022 Calendar and Agenda

DATE	SESSION TOPICS
Session 1 Friday, September 17 9:00 a.m. to Noon	Introductions and Setting the Stage for Fellowship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions to Program and Fellows • Intersection of Local-State-Federal Education Policy • Politics, Elections and Public Policy in Pennsylvania • Overview of Key Education Policy Issues
Session 2 Friday, September 24 9:00 a.m. to Noon	Making State Education Policy in Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “State of the Child” in Pennsylvania • Role of State Board of Education and IRRC • Role of School Districts and School Boards
Regional Leadership Forum – Part 1 Thursday, October 7 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Joint activity with Fellows from MI, NY and OH) <i>(COVID Vaccination Required)</i>	Lessons in Leadership on the Gettysburg Battlefield led by Licensed Battlefield Guides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Networking Reception, and PA Dinner
Regional Leadership Forum – Part 2 Friday, October 8 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Activity with other states) <i>(COVID Vaccination Required)</i>	Lessons in Strategic Leadership from U.S. Army War College Faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Lessons Learned from Gettysburg • Institutional Leadership and Managing Change • Developing Strategic Leaders
Session 3 Friday, October 15 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	The Education Policy Making Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Policy Project and Identification of Project Teams • Policy Players, Media, and the Process • Role of Research in Education Policy
Session 4 Friday, October 29 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Leadership and Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of Ethical Leadership • Leadership for Equity and Justice • PA Ethics Commission and Public Officials Ethics Law • Professional Standards and Practices Commission
Session 5 Friday, November 5 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	A Changing Education Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact/Lessons from Covid-19 Pandemic • Equity and Poverty – Implications for Policymakers and Educators • Trauma-Informed Education
Session 6 Friday, November 19 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Meeting the Needs of Increasing Diverse & Mobile Student Population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Policy & Culturally Sustaining Education • Social-Emotional Learning • Rural Education Challenges
Session 7 Friday, December 3 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Ready for Success in College, Career and Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assuring Access to Affordable and Quality Early Childhood Programs • Ready for Success – 21st Century Skills, Counseling and 339 Plans • Nurturing an Educated Citizenry and Educated Workforce
Session 8 Friday, December 17 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	STEM and Workforce Development Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projecting Pennsylvania’s Workforce Needs • STEM and Career and Technical Education
Session 9 Friday, January 7 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Technology and School Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices • Using Technology to Support Educational Choices and Equity

Session 10 Friday, January 21 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Teacher Shortage – Developing a Teacher Pipeline • Supporting and Retaining New Teachers • Severe Shortage of Minority Teachers • Implications for Educator Preparation Programs
Session 11 Friday, February 4 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Postsecondary Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and Funding of Higher Education in Pennsylvania • Postsecondary Access, Affordability, and Quality • Higher Education Accountability and Accreditation
Session 12 Friday, February 18 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	P-12 Education Finance Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in PA • Governor’s Proposed 2022-2023 State Education Budget • District Budget Process and Challenges for School District Officials
Session 13 Friday, March 4 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Pennsylvania Budget and Fiscal Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA State Budget and Revenues • State Fiscal Forecast, Priorities, and Revenue Options
Session 14 Friday, March 18 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Family, School and Community Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School and Community Partnerships to Support Students • Parent Engagement & Nurturing Parent Leaders
Session 15 Friday, April 1 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Building Partnerships and Public Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and Building Coalitions • Effective Advocacy – Making an Impact with Public Officials
Day-in-Washington DC Tuesday-Wednesday April 12-13 6:00 p.m. on 4/12 to 4:00 p.m. on 4/13 (COVID Vaccination Required)	Pennsylvania EPFP in Washington DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday Evening Dinner with Guest Speaker • Wednesday Breakfast and Policy Briefings • Hill Visits Planned and Conducted by Fellows & PA Alumni • Optional Capitol Tour
Session 16 Friday, April 29 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	The Arts, Humanities & Cultural Resources for Students and Educators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting “Well-Rounded” Education • School Partnerships with Art and Cultural Organizations
Session 17 Friday, May 6 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Team Policy Project Presentations – Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda
Session 18 Friday, May 13 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Team Policy Project Presentations – Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda
Day-on-the-Hill in Harrisburg Wednesday, May 25 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (COVID Vaccination Required)	Day at the State Capitol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Briefings by Key Education Policy Staff • PDE Programs and Services for Students, Educators, and Districts • Visits to Policymaker Offices – Present Project Briefings • Optional Tour of State Capitol
Graduation Luncheon Wednesday, June 8 Noon to 2:30 p.m. (Harrisburg-area location TBD)	Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors and 2021-2022 Guest Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation & Recognition • Presentation of Alumni Awards
As opportunities arise, one or more virtual sessions with special guests and/or other state sites may also be scheduled.	
Fellowship Program coordinators are: Amy Morton - PA State Coordinator for National Institute for School Leadership (NISL); Former classroom teacher, intermediate unit executive director; and Executive Deputy Secretary of PA Department of Education Ron Cowell - Executive Director of Education Policy and Leadership Center; Former Member of PA House of Representatives, Chair of House Education Committee, and Member of PA State Board of Education	