

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program 2022-2023 Calendar and Agenda

DATE	SESSION TOPICS
Session 1 Thursday, September 15 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Introductions and Setting the Stage for Fellowship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions to Program and Fellows • K-12 Governance: Intersection of Local-State-Federal Education Policy • Politics, Elections and Public Policy in Pennsylvania • Overview of Key Education Policy Issues
Session 2 Friday, September 16 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	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 Directors and School Boards
Regional Leadership Forum – Part 1 Thursday, October 6 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Joint activity with Fellows from MI, NY and OH)	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 7 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Activity with other states)	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 14 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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 28 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Leadership and Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of Ethical Leadership • Leadership for Diversity, Inclusiveness and Equity • PA Ethics Commission and Public Officials Ethics Law • Professional Standards and Practices Commission
Session 5 Friday, November 4 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	A Changing Education Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact/Lessons from Covid-19 Pandemic • Meeting the Needs of Increasingly Diverse and Mobile Students • Trauma Informed Education – Implications for Policymakers & Educators
Session 6 Friday, November 18 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Conversations with School Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Policymakers • Teachers-of-the-Year • Superintendents, Principals, and Board Leaders
Session 7 Friday, December 2 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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 16 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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 6 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	School Choices, Technology & Remote Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices • Challenges for Pennsylvania’s Rural Districts
Session 10	Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Teachers

Friday, January 20 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	<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 3 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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 17 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Community Schools, School and Community Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School and Community Partnerships to Support Students • School Partnerships with Art and Cultural Organizations
Session 13 Friday, March 3 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Promoting Civic Dialogue & Civil Discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Dialogue/Civil Discourse Principles and Applications • Turning Difficult Conversations into Learning Opportunities • Understanding and Addressing Peoples' Core Concerns
Session 14 Friday, March 17 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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
Session 15 Friday, March 31 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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 16 Friday, April 14 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 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 2023-2024 State Education Budget • District Budget Process and Challenges for School District Officials
Day-in-Washington DC Tuesday-Wednesday April 25-26 6:00 p.m. on 4/25 to 4:00 p.m. on 4/26	Pennsylvania EPFP in Washington DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday Evening Dinner with Guest Speaker • Wednesday Breakfast, Policy Briefings, and Lunch • Hill Visits Planned and Conducted by Fellows & PA Alumni • Optional Capitol Tour
Session 17 Friday, May 5 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Team Policy Project Presentations – Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda
Session 18 Friday, May 12 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Team Policy Project Presentations – Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda
Day-in-the-Capitol in Harrisburg Wednesday, May 24 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	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 7 Noon to 2:30 p.m. (Harrisburg-area location TBD)	Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors and 2022-2023 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 – <i>System Design Specialist, National Center on Education and the Economy. Former classroom teacher, intermediate unit executive director; and Executive Deputy Secretary of PA Department of Education</i> Ron Cowell - <i>Executive Director of The 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</i>	