

FAQ: Professional Development

We offer multiple, flexible options for implementation support. Use our downloadable training tools and/or engage in the live events that best meet your needs.

- [Explore our free professional development kits and resources.](#)
- [Contact a Core Knowledge Licensed Professional about school-based training.](#)
- [Participate in upcoming events hosted by the Core Knowledge Foundation.](#)

For more information on professional development and training, please see the frequently asked questions below:

Who are Core Knowledge Licensed Professionals?



Core Knowledge Licensed Professionals are experienced educators who have successfully delivered the very Core Knowledge professional development that we have made available as [free turnkey kits](#) to thousands of schools across the country, on behalf of the Core Knowledge Foundation. Their qualifications include having:

- taught the *Core Knowledge Sequence* themselves;
- served as administrators in schools using Core Knowledge;
- consulted and advised Core Knowledge schools in various phases of implementation; and/or
- worked directly with the Foundation in developing and revising Core Knowledge training.

In addition, many have their own particular areas of interest and expertise, so we encourage you to carefully review the profile that each Licensed Professional has provided to determine which consultant may best meet your school's needs. Only individuals designated as Core Knowledge Licensed Professionals on our [website](#) are permitted to offer on-site Core Knowledge training for a fee. These individuals will always use the above certification emblem when communicating with schools.

What on-site Core Knowledge workshops and support are available from the Licensed Professionals?

Preschool

- **Getting Started with the *Preschool Sequence***
- **Oral Language**
- **Assessment and Planning**

K–8

- **Curriculum Mapping with the *Core Knowledge Sequence, K–8***
- **Teaching, Learning, and Assessment: Meaningful Instruction**
- **Domain-Based Unit Writing**

Note: These workshops are also available as free turnkey kits found linked within the [Sequence Implementation Guide](#).

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In addition, diagnostic school visits, including classroom observations with detailed written feedback designed to help schools evaluate their progress in implementing Core Knowledge, are also available. Please review the profile completed by each Licensed Professional to identify those consultants with experience in conducting these types of visits, especially useful for those schools seeking recognition as a **School of Distinction**.

What is the relationship of the Core Knowledge Licensed Professionals to a school seeking on-site professional development? How does this work?

Core Knowledge Licensed Professionals are consultants to any schools that engage their services. They are the only individuals permitted to charge a fee for delivering on-site Core Knowledge workshops, but they operate independently from the Core Knowledge Foundation. Each Core Knowledge Licensed Professional will set his or her own fees, after discussing with the school specifically what on-site professional development is desired, the number of staff members to be trained, etc. The Licensed Professional will be responsible for organizing and executing all aspects related to training, including but not limited to scheduling dates, times and location of training, identifying what materials, if any, the school will need to provide during training.

Is there a figure that can be provided with regards to the approximate cost of professional development for planning purposes?

Each Core Knowledge Licensed Professional will set his or her own fees, taking into account the number of days of training requested, travel expenses, etc. By way of reference, in the past, for a two day training, the Core Knowledge Foundation charged a flat fee ranging from \$3,675 to \$10,475. The range in fees reflected the need to cover expenses related to securing trainer(s), number of participants in the training, and travel costs, as well as workshop materials costs.

You will note that the profiles of the Core Knowledge Licensed Professionals indicate the state in which each Licensed Professional lives, as well as the areas to which each is willing to travel. Schools may find this information useful when considering which Licensed Professional to contact, since travel expenses certainly impact the cost of professional development. It is our sincere hope that schools will find that they are able to secure the most economical on-site professional development by taking these factors into consideration and working directly with the Licensed Professional.

What support will the Foundation provide to schools interested in using Core Knowledge?

The Foundation has released the *Core Knowledge Sequence Implementation Resources Guide* that provides schools with an array of free resources, including turnkey kits for the Pre-K and K-8 Workshops previously offered for a fee by the Core Knowledge Foundation. By making these resources readily available at no cost, schools and districts may choose to conduct their own Core Knowledge training at their site, conducted by their own staff, when it is most convenient

The Foundation also continues to provide additional direct support to schools in multiple ways. [Read more...](#)