

# MyLivePD™: Personalized, Private, Online



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is MyLivePD?

MyLivePD is the first and only personalized private professional development service that connects an algebra teacher to an experienced math coach online for a live, real-time coaching session focused on a teacher's specific needs. There are no appointments and teachers may use the service as often as they like.

### How do teachers use the service?

Teachers connect to a coach in an online environment that includes text chat, voice and resource sharing tools. Teachers and coaches discuss a broad range of issues that may include working on deeper understanding of curriculum content, mastering effective teaching techniques or reviewing and refining lesson plans to achieve better results. Unlike seminar-or lecture-based professional development models, the program is integrated into a teacher's day and provides ongoing support.

### Who are the coaches?

The experienced coaches are all current or recent math teachers who also have years of coaching experience. Coaches were carefully selected for their deep math content knowledge, awareness of common core standards and prior coaching experience. Each coach provides a warm, welcoming environment where a teacher feels supported. Coaches work with each teacher until the teacher is satisfied with the experience and has the tools he or she needs for success.

### Besides live coaching, how else does MyLivePD support teachers?

Rich and comprehensive teaching resources are an integral part of the MyLivePD experience. Resources available include a confidential algebra self-assessment for teachers from I CAN Learn® IIS; 400,000 educator-reviewed and rated lesson plans and worksheets through Lesson Planet®; and, widely used math manipulatives in Illuminations from The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. All resources are available 24/7 for participating teachers and can be shared and evaluated during sessions between teachers and coaches.

### How can I use MyLivePD?

MyLivePD is currently a pilot program funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Middle and high school algebra teachers from the Baltimore County School District, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tucson Unified School District, and three Teach for America regions are currently part of the pilot.

Go to [www.mylivepd.com](http://www.mylivepd.com) to learn more about the service. We'll also announce opportunities to use MyLivePD this school year.

*"Christine was wonderful. I really liked her idea, and look forward to trying the idea in class tomorrow"*

– Algebra I teacher