

# Mideastern Division 2024-2025 Workshops



Wednesday  
September 18, 2024

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December 4, 2024

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March 12, 2025

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April 30, 2025

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Time: 5:30 p.m. - Light Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Division Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Workshop

## Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Division Meeting & Workshop

*Attitude is Everything!*

Presenter: Judith Petruzzi, Director of Education Services

This presentation is designed to explore research-based strategies to maintain positivity in the workplace, in light of all the circumstances we encounter. Easy to use and implement techniques will be shared, discussed and practiced.

## Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Holiday Division Meeting & Workshop

*Impact of Social Media and Cell Phones on Students*

Presenter: Michael Bogden, Asst. Director of Education Services

In this session, we delve into the complex interplay between phones, social media, academic achievement, and mental health in today's youth. As digital natives, children and adolescents are immersed in a world where smartphones and social networks are omnipresent. While these technologies offer unprecedented connectivity and access to information, they also pose significant challenges to academic success and mental well-being. We will uncover the multifaceted impact of screen time on students' ability to focus, learn, and thrive in academic settings. Moreover, we will examine the ways in which social media platforms shape adolescents' perceptions of themselves and others. By understanding the nuanced relationship between digital technology and well-being, educators and families can collaborate to support young people in navigating the digital landscape responsibly and fostering a healthy balance between screen time and real-life experiences.

**Please bring a donation/unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.**

**\*Division meetings and workshops will be offered in a hybrid format\***



**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**Annual Spring Division Elections/Meeting & Workshop**

***The Amended Child Protective Services Law and Similar Laws Establishing Reporting Duties for School Employees***

Presenter: Lynda Menke, PSEA Legal Staff

This presentation is designed to provide an overview of the amended Child Protective Services Law and to clarify reporting duties under that law and under similar laws in Pennsylvania. Specifically, it will cover Reporting Requirements under the Act, EDA, and Duty to the Employer Procedures and Protections, Investigations, and Clearance Statements.

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

**Division Meeting & Workshop**

***Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: The Basics***

Presenter: Gina Gullo, Asst. Director of Education Services

Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) can often become a vague concept that is difficult to grasp. In this session, participants dive into DEI by learning to distinguish diversity from equity from inclusion. Participants will explore privilege and engage in activities that challenge them to reconsider situations with a lens focused on identifying challenges to DEI and opportunities to enhance the educational environment of all students.

This session is designed for a primary audience of those serving as education support professionals.

**If you must cancel for any reason, we ask that you please give 48 hours notice before each scheduled Division Meeting/Workshop or your local will be charged for a “no call, no show”.**

Follow-up information will be sent to your local president approximately three weeks prior to the workshops. Prior registration is required.

To choose the workshops you want to attend, use our online registration at [www.PSEA.org/MER/ESP](http://www.PSEA.org/MER/ESP)

Certificates of participation will be provided.

**Please check your email or contact the Division office prior to each event for updated information.**

**If you work in Bucks or Montgomery County Schools you should attend the ESP Mideastern Division Meetings.**