



# SWCS Professional Development:

## YEAR 1 CHECKLIST

	<b>Foundations</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Welcome Week</b>	<u>Pillar I Seminar:</u> What is a Christian Worldview?	
	<u>Pillar II Seminar:</u> America as Part of God's Story	
	<u>Pillar IV/V Seminar:</u> SWCS History, Vision and Culture	
	<u>Pillar VI Seminar:</u> Video "Classroom Management: The Key to Classroom Success" – ConNexus	
	<u>Pillar VII Seminar:</u> Fundamentals of an Effective Teacher	
<b>Fall</b>	<u>ACSI-Certified ONLY:</u> Video - <u>Philosophy of Christian Education</u> series by Dr. Derek Keenan - ConNexus	
	<u>State-Certified:</u> Read <i>Total Truth</i> by Nancy Pearcey	
	<u>Mentor:</u> Meet once per quarter to discuss progress	
	<u>Observation:</u> Observe classroom management of an experienced teacher's classroom	
	Initial Classroom Management Plan by end of <b>due 1<sup>st</sup> nine Weeks</b>	
<b>Spring</b>	<u>ACSI-Certified ONLY:</u> Read ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>By Design: Developing a Philosophy of Education Informed by a Christian Worldview</i>. Dr. Martha E. MacCullough, 2013.</li> <li>• <i>Philosophy &amp; Education: An Introduction in Christian Perspective</i>. George R. Knight, 2006 (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)</li> <li>• <i>Teaching Redemptively</i>. Donovan Graham, 2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)</li> </ul> AND	
	<u>All Teachers:</u> Read <i>The Liberty Pyramid</i> by Aaron Ferguson	
	<u>Mentor:</u> Meet once per quarter to discuss progress	
	<u>Observation:</u> Observe classroom management of another experienced teacher	
	<u>Classroom Management Plan:</u> Finalized Copy – <b>DUE June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Evaluation</b>	<u>Christian Philosophy Paper</u> - Write a 4-6 page summary addressing the following 6 components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Core Beliefs and the Purpose of Education (It should include a discussion of what we know about God and what we believe is true, real, and of value; the themes of creation, the Fall, redemption, and the Christian's role in restoration.)</li> <li>• Nature of the learner</li> <li>• Nature and role of the teacher</li> <li>• Nature of the learning process</li> <li>• A Christian's view of subject matter and curriculum</li> <li>• Conclusion that includes the writer's view of the goal of Christian education and resulting educational practice</li> </ul> <b>DUE June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
	<u>ACSI-Certified ONLY:</u> Submit Initial Certification Application by <b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	