

# TAKING FLIGHT

## **The College**

*West Virginia University at Parkersburg*

## **The Program**

*Elementary Education*

- *K-6*

*Middle School*

- *English 5-9*
- *General Math – Algebra I*
- *Social Studies 5-9*
- *Science 5-9*

## **The Professional Development School Program**

*The Partnerships Project*



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## Teacher Candidate Perspective

### Early Field Experience

- *Decision Making*
- *Variety of Schools/Climates*
- *Variety of Grade Levels*

### PDS Field Experiences

- *Classes Taught on PDS Campus*
- *Faculty/Teacher Collaboration*
- *Community/School Connections*
- *Variety of Schools*
- *Preparation for Student Teaching Practicum*



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## Teacher Candidate Perspective

### Benefits of Working in PDS Program

- *Better Prepared for Student Teaching*
- *Self Knowledge*
- *Prepared for Licensure Exam*
- *Multiple Performance Evaluation*
- *Professional Communication*
- *Professional Development*

### Challenges for Teacher Candidates

- *Time Management*
- *High Professional Expectations*
- *Variety of Schools*



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## **Teacher Graduate Perspective**

**Affects on “Flying Solo”**

*Practical Experience*

*Known by Public School Administrators*

*Understand the Importance of Professional  
Development*

*Understand School Climates*

*All Licensure Requirements Met at Time of  
Graduation*

*Resource for Other Teachers & Becoming School  
Leaders*

*Understanding Resources Available*

