A Prism of Principal Professional Learning Opportunities

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The National Mentor Training and Certification Program™ delivers highly structured professional learning integrating research-based best practices with participants’ knowledge and experiences to provide a network of support for school leaders. Following the two-day Leadership Immersion Institute, participants have the ability to put their learning into practice through completion of the nine month mentor certification process. NAESP hosts mentor trainings in various regions across the US throughout the year as well as contracts with districts and states. For more information and to locate the training site nearest you visit: https://www.naesp.org/mentor

The Pre-K-8 Principals Conference is a phenomenal experience for principals to learn, share, and network with colleagues from across the nation. Held annually in different locations throughout the US, the conference features expert speakers, practitioners and thought leaders to help strengthen principal skills. In addition to top notch keynotes, attendees take a deep dive into breakout, concurrent, and innovation sessions for a comprehensive learning opportunity. Information for this “don’t miss” event for principals can be found at http://www.naespconference.org/

Principal face many challenges in leading for the 21st century. Transformation in schools, school systems, and communities in the United States and around the world have greatly expanded this leadership role. The Center for Innovative Leadership®, created to improve and expand the support of principals in achieving the highest results for children, families and communities, has the focus and strategic design to help principals and learning communities achieve optimal results for every child. The Center disseminates transformative practices and strategies that serve as a catalyst for creating a lasting foundation for principal learning, driving school and student performance, and shaping the long-term impact of school improvement efforts. Find additional details at https://www.naesp.org/center-innovative-leadership

The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy provides a unique blended learning experience designed specifically for principals charged with leading early learning. This cohort-based professional learning opportunity is aligned to the publication Leading Pre-K-3 Learning Communities: Competencies for Effective Principal Practice. Cohorts are provided in state or district settings. Gain more insight at https://www.naesp.org/prek3-leadership regarding this increasingly popular educational program.

The Aspiring Principals Academy, a joint partnership with NAESP and AASA, is a year-long cohort based academy designed to help school leaders hone the essential skills and practices needed to advance to the next level of leadership. Visit https://www.naesp.org/national-aspiring-principals-academy to learn more about how to participate in this highly engaging professional learning experience.
NAESP’s National Panel of New Principals is a program dedicated to gathering and sharing the experiences of new principals in rural, urban and suburban schools. Panel participation is open to NAESP members in their first or second year of principalship. This quality program provides early career principals valuable resources and requires a very small time commitment. Learn more about the panel and enroll at: www.newprincipal.org

The NAESP Professional Learning Advisory Council (PLAC) is comprised of member volunteers who contribute time and creative energy to enable the NAESP organization to gain feedback from active members regarding the relevant needs of national principals. This valuable information helps drive professional learning planning and implementation. For additional information contact leadership@naesp.org.

NAESP stands ready to provide professional learning support aligned with state and international efforts. Often affiliates and departments of education seek to bring a national perspective to blend with state offerings. Our premier professional learning organization stands ready to assist in forging State and International Partnerships. Contact leadership@naesp.org to further explore this opportunity.

With support from the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) researchers, NAESP has released its 10-Year Pre-K-8 School Leadership Study. This comprehensive research has been conducted every decade since 1928. For the first time, NAESP has included results from early career principals and assistant principals in this informative report along with the traditional reflections from veteran principals. View the study at www.naesp.org

The Principal’s Guide to Building Culturally Responsive Schools is an enlightening publication developed by the NAESP Diversity Task Force. This team, consisting of Pre-K-8 principals, created a valuable resource with collective recommendations, strategies, research, and best practices to enable school leaders to clearly and effectively define and frame actionable recommendations regarding inclusiveness and diversity in the principalship. Full publication available at https://www.naesp.org/principal-s-guide-building-culturally-responsive-schools

Learning in and through the arts helps develop the essential knowledge, skills and creative capacities all students need to succeed in school, work and life. As building-level leaders, school principals play a key role in ensuring every student has access to high-quality and equitable arts learning as part of a well-rounded education. What School Leaders Can Do to Increase Arts Education is a guide that offers three concrete actions school principals can take to increase the arts in education in their schools. Find more info at: https://www.naesp.org/arts-integration-leadership

New Principals often search for information to help them transition effectively in their new role. Gleaning information captured from the National Panel of New Principals, the insightful resource, New Principal Connection, renders the results of the quarterly questionnaire completed by the panel and provides helpful resources designed specifically for early career principal needs. Members can peruse current and past issues here: http://www.newprincipal.org/resources-for-new-principals
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