Preparing YOU for the Principalship

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Taking on the responsibility of school leadership requires solid preparation and lots of it. The requirements of NCLB, the widening achievement gap, and making data work for your school are some of the unique challenges for principals that require specific training and knowledge.

Learning what it takes to be a principal means understanding the skills you need and the resources available to you to master those skills. That is why NAESP membership is such a valuable investment. NAESP is keenly aware of the challenges K–8 principals face and has assembled a plethora of resources that can help you succeed.

For example, because we know a principal’s access to other principals is limited, NAESP has created the Principals Help Line. Principals looking for quick, 24/7 responses to their concerns can post questions and get answers from trained veteran principals.

Principals also need specialized training tailored to their needs. They can find it in the professional development offerings provided by the NAESP Leadership Academy, which brings together online and on-site programs to help you meet your goals. For example, The Accelerated School Administrators Program (ASAP) modules provide online, interactive courses especially for working principals and principals-in-training. Members can take individual courses or sign up for a set of courses designed for those pursuing the principalship. No matter where you are in your career path, NAESP has the professional development that will take you to the next stage.

The future of the principalship depends on bringing in new talent. Teachers and educational leadership students can join NAESP for just $65 and receive all the benefits of NAESP membership! What better way to advance the profession than by encouraging promising educators to join the ranks. You can help by passing on to them the “Join NAESP” cards inserted in this issue of Principal. They’ll thank you when they realize how much NAESP can help them as they progress toward the principalship.

Resources for Principals

Sustaining Educational Leadership From Kappa Delta Pi’s The Educational Forum

This issue of The Educational Forum contains 11 essays on a variety of leadership issues, including distributed leadership, evidence-based leadership, leadership for urban schools, and leadership succession. Get a complete overview of what the experts have to say about school leadership.

Item # SEL-PM
Members $5.00
Non-members $12.00

Performance Appraisals Made Easy Tools for Evaluating Teachers and Support Staff by Lisabeth S. Margulus and Jacquelyn Ann Melin

From the cafeteria workers to your reading specialist, every school employee looks to the principal to provide feedback and input on their job and their place in the school community. Learn how to develop performance evaluations that focus on individual goals, professional growth, and building community.

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Members $44.95
Non-members $51.95


Learn to confront legal issues thoughtfully and professionally. This book tells you what you need to know about the legal boundaries for a variety of school scenarios, how to respond to them, and how to develop solutions.

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Members $28.95
Non-members $35.95

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