



Leadership Playbook Professional Learning Series

Join a six-part series on increasing coherence and collaboration among school district leaders.

Series Overview

When leaders across a school district learn and apply a shared approach to leadership, they create greater coherence, stronger collaboration, and more aligned support for students and staff. Based on [The Professional Standards for Educational Leaders](#) (PSEL), the Leadership Playbook Professional Learning Series reinforces the standards, strengthening leadership practices across roles to support consistent, systemwide improvement.

The series consists of six 2-hour virtual sessions that will include learning and time to practice and plan. Throughout the sessions, leaders will enhance their capacity to

- Strengthen school culture and community
- Build highly effective teams and grow talent
- Develop structures, routines, and rituals

Session Topics & Dates

Session 1: Leading With Emotional Intelligence

July 16, 2026

Leaders begin by examining how their time and actions align with high-impact leadership practices. Through self-reflection, they explore their identity and consider how emotional intelligence shapes their interactions.

Session 2: Managing Relationships

July 30, 2026

Leaders reflect on their professional ecosystem to strengthen trust, collaboration, and a positive culture. They practice personalized appreciation and develop skills to navigate technical and adaptive challenges with clarity and flexibility.

Session 3: Building Teams

August 13, 2026

Leaders explore what makes teams effective and identify strategies for building or reimagining them. They assess team development; apply leadership moves to support growth; and use protocols that promote collaboration, accountability, and lasting improvement.



Session 4: Developing Talent

August 27, 2026

Leaders examine how talent is developed in their systems by reflecting on their own growth journeys, identifying key transitions and supports. They assess whether current structures foster the mindsets and skills needed for success and develop strategies to foster talent with greater intention and purpose.

Session 5: Coaching

September 10, 2026

Leaders explore coaching as a stance and strategy, practicing key skills through structured triads to respond to real leadership challenges. They distinguish coaching from advising and develop tools in order to build clarity, reflection, and leadership across the system.

Session 6: Facilitating Effective Meetings

September 24, 2026

Leaders focus on effective facilitation, exploring what makes adult learning meaningful and productive. They assess their own practices with key indicators and create a customized checklist for guiding future meetings.

Who Should Join

The series is designed for teams of instructional and noninstructional site leaders, teacher leaders, and district leaders. Whether you support teaching and learning, operations, or student services, the Leadership Playbook series is for anyone working to strengthen leadership across schools and systems.

Teams of two to five from the following states and territories are invited to attend: *Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.*



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