



Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™

Excelling Innovation in Leadership of Pre-K-3 Learning Communities



Cohort Application



National Association of Elementary School Principals
Serving all elementary and middle-level principals

NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP™) Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™ is a program designed to promote and build the capacity of national principals and directors to lead Pre-K-3 communities.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP™) provides high-quality professional learning and a resource program to meet the needs of elementary principals and Pre-K program directors serving children from age three to eight or Pre-K-Grade 3. The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™ will advance the following two key initiative areas:

- 1) Provide a cohort of principals/directors access to a year-long virtual training program (101 and 201 level coursework with associated lessons), the NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™, a multifaceted and highly engaging blended professional learning curriculum and coursework aligned to the research and foundational competency publication *Leading Learning Communities: A Principal's Guide to Early Learning and the Early Grades (Pre-K-3rd Grade)*.
- 2) Establish the NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™ and a community of practice that will be supported by three in-person full-day education leadership programming and learning sessions to help principals and directors take theory, learning and content into practice. Participants will follow a series of blended coursework and create a Capstone Project aimed at improving practice in their schools and programs as well as demonstrate mastery of deeper-level content.

Together, these two key initiative areas will provide high-quality, job-embedded professional learning to support a cohort of principals/directors that will improve their instructional leadership skills in Pre-K-3 education. All content and focus of the learning will be aligned to NAESP™'s foundational competency guide, *Leading Learning Communities: A Principal's Guide to Early Learning and the Early Grades (Pre-K-3rd Grade)*.

Evaluation

The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™ will offer multiple methods for program participants to assess their learning. Initially, participants will complete an assessment of their current skills and practices. Then cohort participants will assess their knowledge and application of each competency in the *Leading Learning Communities: A Principal's Guide to Early Learning and the Early Grades (Pre-K-3rd Grade)*. Program participants and advisors will also complete surveys following each in-person meeting and complete a final program evaluation noting the effectiveness of the NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™ on their school, level of leadership and professional growth. Upon completion of the blended program coursework, advisors will guide participants through the development and implementation of a culminating Capstone Project focused specifically on each participant's unique experiences and application of learning. The final in-person Capstone Project sharing meeting will be the culminating activity and add lasting value to the professional growth of each program participant.

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Cohort Application Form

(Please type, word process, or print clearly)

Name Prefix First Middle Initial Last Suffix

~ Contact Information – Home ~

Home Address Street City State Zip

Home Phone (Include Area Code) **Home E-Mail**

~ Contact Information – School/System ~

School Name (if central office, type “Central Office”) **School System Name**

Street **City** **State** **Zip**

Work Phone (Include Area Code) **Work Fax** (Include Area Code) **Work E-Mail**

~ Professional Information ~

Professional Experience (List by most recent)

Position	Name and Location of School	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total Number of Years as an Administrator: _____ Total Number of Years in Current Position/School: _____

Professional Preparation (List by most recent)

Degree	Name and Location of Institution	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Pre-K Program Application Demographic Information

School Type: ___Rural ___Urban ___Suburban

School Description: ___Preschool ___Pre-Kindergarten ___Early Learning Center ___Elementary ___Other

Grade Levels: _____

Total Student Enrollment: _____

___% African American ___% White ___% Hispanic ___% Other

Percentage Free & Reduced Lunch: _____

#Administrators: _____

#Certified Teachers: _____

#Non-Certified/Support Staff: _____

~ Professional Activities, Awards, and Honors ~

Name of Professional Association/Organization	Offices Held / Awards Received	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

~ Service To The Community ~

Name of Community Association/Organization	Offices Held / Awards Received	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

~ THREE MOST SIGNIFICANT ADMINISTRATOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ~

1)

2)

3)

Applicant's Name: _____

**NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™
Application Checklist**

_____ Contact Information, Professional Information, Professional Preparation

_____ School/System Information

_____ Professional Activities, Service to the Community, Three Most Significant
Administrator Accomplishments

_____ Letter of Reference from Immediate Supervisor

Save this application and send as an attachment to:

NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™

Kristine Luebbe at: Kristine.Luebbe@nebraska.gov

OR

Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)

P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR



Letter of Reference

Name of Applicant: _____

Each applicant is required to secure a letter of reference from an immediate supervisor.

To the Applicant's Reference:

The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy™ selection team appreciates your help in assessing this applicant's skills, knowledge, and potential in the area of leadership. Please base your comments on the Applicant's professional performance. Limit your comments to one 8 ½ x 11" page, using at least 12 pt. type. If you prefer, your letter of reference may be submitted directly to: Kristine Luebbe, Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) at: Kristine.Luebbe@nebraska.gov. OR Address: Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Please print or type:

Printed Name of Reference Title

Company/Institution

Address

City State Zip

Phone (including area code) Fax (including area code) E-Mail Address

Signature of Reference Date