



**NEXT LEVEL  
LEADERS**

**WASHINGTON STATE'S PREMIERE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY**

# Success Criteria

- To learn about the vision Next Level Leaders (NLL).
- To learn the organizational structure of NLL.
- To consider how NLL might be the perfect learning experience for you, your district team and/or other leadership in your system.

# Next Level Leaders Anticipation Guide

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# Next Level Leader Academy- Our Why

In March 2020, educational leaders across Washington entered a new dawn of leadership. In this era, leaders must quickly adapt how schools operate, communicate in a timely and transparent manner, unify stakeholders, build a culture of inclusion and belonging, and nurture the talents of the students and the staff we serve. The landscape of school leadership has shifted. Next Level Leaders is a response to that shift.

# About the Program-

**Next Level Leaders** is Washington State's Premier Leadership Development Academy dedicated to preparing leaders to conquer complex challenges through the development of a two-year learning community.

**Next Level Leaders** is designed to focus on individual and system leadership behaviors and actions essential for success in our rapidly changing educational environment.

**Next Level Leaders** is committed to assisting educational administrators to thrive in their role.

# Next Level Leaders- Our Standards

- Communicating System-wide Commitment to Equity
- Leading Coherent System-wide Support for Learning
- Focusing on Learning
- Creative Collaborative Culture
- Enhancing Personal Leadership

# Next Level Leaders- Leadership Development Strands

Examples of Possible Leadership Development Strands:

- Instructional Leadership
- Leadership Practices
- Equity
- Inclusion
- Futures/Design Thinking
- Strategic Planning
- Advocacy
- ....and much more based on participant feedback and needs!

# What is the Structure of Next Level Leaders?

- Two-year model consisting of six learning **and leadership development** terms **with theme/strands connected back to the five leadership standards.**
- Each term (August–December, January–March, and April–June) will build on one another.
- An in-person event will be held each term, with only one occurring during the student school year.
- Virtual sessions will be customized to support the learning between the in-person events.
- Opportunities for additional regional collaboration will be encouraged.
- Optional low-cost, confidential, online personal leadership coaching available.



# Face to Face Learning Sessions

**Day- 1      5:00-8:00PM:** Evening dinner and learning leader keynote

**Day- 2      8:30-3:30PM**

Participants would arrange their time **by-**

- Additional Break Out Sessions/Deep Dives on **Session Topics**
- Regional/District Project Development /Team Time
- Individualized **P**rojects/Implementation Time/ Reflection Time
- Small Group Workshops
- Coaching Sessions

# Virtual Workshops

*Dates TBD based on speaker availability*

Throughout each year, participants will gather four times virtually for a half-day focused “dive” into one of the ongoing strands of our learning. These sessions will be held via Zoom and will maintain our learning trajectory throughout the two years of the project. Information about and resources from each workshop will be posted to our learning management system for future access as they become available.

# Who Can Be a Part of Next Level Leaders?

- Individual Leaders who are members of AWSP or WASA and have been an educational leader for a minimum of three years at a rate of \$600 per year
- School district teams of AWSP and WASA members for a team of five at a rate of \$3,000
- Representation from each ESD region.
- Limited to 200 participants with applications available in the late spring.
- Registration includes all meals and for the in-person events.

# Leadership Launch! Session 1- July 31-8/7 \*TBD

Our Next Level Leaders Launch will highlight our LEADERSHIP STRAND and be 100% focused on leading with:

- **Hope**
- **Integrity**
- **Support**
- **Recognition**
- **Celebration**
- **a Team of 200 colleagues and friends!**

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# Registration and Next Steps:

Please register individually or as a team [HERE](#) or at <https://nll.academy/>

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Apply May 1st [HERE](#)!

