

# **The Public Education Foundation**

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## Leadership Institute of Nevada

### **TEACHER LEADER ACADEMY 2022 FAQs**

#### **How are teachers selected to participate in the Teacher Leader Academy?**

The Teacher Leader Academy is designed to empower teacher leaders to stay in the classroom, ***not move into administration***. Qualities of teacher leaders include high-level classroom practitioner, active engagement in the profession, passion and commitment to excellence, and readiness to re-imagine the profession. Teacher leader applicants must complete a written application, which includes three short answer responses. Supervisors must complete a Leadership Behavior Grid.

Both the application and the Leadership Behavior Grid must be submitted by the Principal/Supervisor to The Public Education Foundation before the due date. Review committees at The Public Education Foundation carefully screen submitted items for all applicants in order to select up to 40 participants.

#### **What is my total time commitment to the program?**

The Teacher Leader Academy consists of one cohort of leaders, which **include K-12 teachers, central office project facilitators, counselors, psychologists, etc.** Classes are held one Tuesday afternoon (4:30pm – 7:00pm), Wednesday (4:30pm – 7:00pm) and Thursday (8am – 3:30pm) each month. Course sessions are held monthly from October through May during the school year and a Completion Ceremony is held in August.

#### **Where are classes held?**

All classes are held on the Campus of The Public Education Foundation, which is located at 4350 S. Maryland Parkway in Las Vegas (across from UNLV).

#### **Does the program have any out-of-pocket expenses for teachers?**

No, there are no costs to CCSD teachers. Enrollment fees are paid, in part, by school districts and to a greater extent by The Public Education Foundation. The program is underwritten by donors and grantors, both public and private, including the State of Nevada.

#### **Are substitute teachers provided during participation in the program?**

Yes, those participants in CCSD who need a substitute teacher for the Thursday course session each month will be granted a “sub” at no cost to the school. Costs are underwritten by school districts and The Public Education Foundation.

### **Will I receive credit for participating in the Academy?**

Yes, the hours spent in the Academy outside of contract hours are approved to count toward the Clark County School District’s Professional Growth Plan (PGP). In addition, teachers selected to participate in the Academy can earn license renewal credit from NDE.

### **What is the Capstone Project?**

All teachers who participate in the Academy must complete a Capstone Project. The project enables participants to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the Academy. The project questions are grounded in current challenges or problems of practice in Nevada public education, and are completed in small groups of 4-5 teachers. The groups are given opportunities to network and provided the support to take action steps to implement their solutions in the following school year.

### **How is the Teacher Leader Academy different from other programs?**

Flipping the script on what it means to advance professionally, the Teacher Leader Academy re-imagines career advancement as not just vertical but also as expanded impact and influence. The Academy recognizes that teacher leaders have extensive training and skills in curriculum, pedagogy and instructional methods. The Academy brings to Nevada a roster of faculty that includes renowned scholars and leading practitioners from across the country. Participants are able to practice teacher leader skills and competencies focused around **leadership, engagement, influence/advocacy** and **problem-solving** as they work closely with Academy faculty and interact with their K-12 peers. Each of the ten monthly course sessions, facilitated by different national guest instructors, runs 10 hours.

The Teacher Leader Academy also incorporates local or state leaders in each course session. These leaders come from the corporate, business or public policy sectors. This component of the program exposes teacher leaders to Nevadans making a difference in the community who share a passion for education. It gives participants an opportunity to grow their network and engage with stakeholders beyond their schools and school community.

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