naesp | Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy®

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

Cohort Application
Deadline: April 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

naesp 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, teacher leaders, 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, assistant principals, teacher leaders, 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/teacher leaders/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 and/or virtual 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 participates 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.
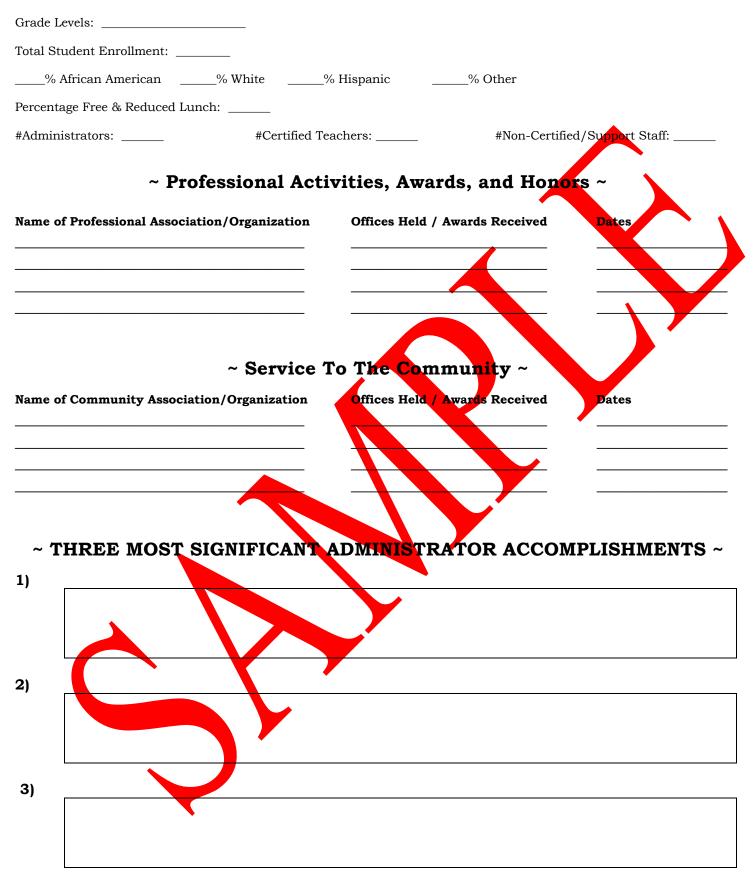
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Cohort Application Form
(Please type, word process, or print clearly)

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Name Prefix   First   Middle Initial   Last   Suffix

~ Contact Information – Home ~

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Home Address   Street   City   State   Zip

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

~ Contact Information – School/System ~

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

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

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

~ Professional Information ~

Professional Experience (List by most recent)

Position   Name and Location of School   Dates

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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

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Pre-K Program Application Demographic Information

School Type: _____Rural   _____Urban   _____Suburban

School Description: _____Preschool   _____Pre-Kindergarten   _____Early Learning Center   _____Elementary   _____Other

Online Applications ONLY will be accepted – apply online at clasleaders.org/prek3

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**

_____   _____   _____

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~ Service To The Community ~

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

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~ THREE MOST SIGNIFICANT ADMINISTRATOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ~

1)

2)

3)

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

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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: NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® at pd@clasleaders.org or via facsimile to (334) 265-3611.

Please print or type:

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Printed Name of Reference   Title

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Company/Institution

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Address

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City   State   Zip

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

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Signature of Reference   Date

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