



Middle School Leadership Project (MSLP)



AED's Middle School Leadership Project (MSLP) is a fully-funded USDOE School Leadership Program focused on developing and supporting leadership in Bronx middle grade schools. This comprehensive leadership development consists of two components: the **Partners in Leadership Program**, (providing professional development and middle grades expertise to participating principals and assistant principals) and the **AED Leadership Fellows Program** (preparing experienced assistant principals to become highly effective middle grades principals).

Partners in Leadership Program

Partner schools join AED's Leadership Network, a learning network for middle grades principals and assistant principals. Each year, principals and at least one AP from partner schools participate in the following professional development opportunities:

- The **Middle Start Study** addresses the needs of poor and minority middle graders and helps partner schools develop the characteristics of high performing middle-grades schools including:
 - **Academically challenging** environments that support the needs of ALL learners.
 - **Personalized learning communities** informed by needs of young adolescents.
 - **Reflective review and self-assessment** to ensure continuous improvement.
 - **Collaborative leadership** committed to family and community partnerships.
- **Professional Development Institutes** around NYC DOE School Leadership Competencies:
 - Accountability for Results
 - Academic Rigor in Middle Grades
 - Differentiation of Instruction and Supervision
 - Strategic Use of Resources
 - Coaching for Results
- Principals participate in a leadership institute with the **Center for Creative Leadership**.
- **An Advanced Coaching institute** prepares select principals to be Principal Mentors and attend the Harvard Principals Center.

AED Leadership Fellows Program

This intensive 18-month program prepares experienced middle school assistant principals to make a successful transition to a principal position. AED's Leadership Fellows Program is highly selective. APs accepted as Fellows participate in a rigorous, cohort-based program that includes the following components:

- **Bi-monthly Evening Classes:** One session per month expands Fellows' leadership capacity, the other develops characteristics of high performing middle-grades school leaders who effectively improve performance of urban, high poverty, minority students (Middle Start). Classes are active, and include professional reading, presentations, and feedback.
- Required **In-School Experiences and Residency Projects** are aligned with the New York City Leadership Competencies and give Fellows an opportunity to practice their developing leadership skills and behaviors and middle grades expertise in their schools.
- **Multi-District Leadership Institute** at the Center for Creative Leadership designed to quickly focus Fellows on understanding and developing their own leadership styles and skills.
- Creation and presentation of a **Leadership Portfolio** aligned with the New York City School Leadership Competencies.
- Targeted special support, including preparation for the **Principal Pool Selection Process** and for Principal Interviews.

Learn More About the Partners in Learning Program

Attend an Informational Meeting

- 4:30 pm to 6:00, January 14, 2009
- MS 80 (149 E. Mosholu Pkwy, Bronx)
- Parking available in school yard

Special Info. Session for Network Leaders & Superintendents

- January 12, 2009
- 2:00 pm to 3:00
- MS 80

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