

2022-23 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - FAQs

What is the Executive Leadership Academy?

The Executive Leadership Academy, established in 2011, is an intensive year-long program led by a faculty of renowned scholars and leading practitioners from across the country. This place-based program provides opportunities for exceptional leaders to strengthen their skills in strategic problem-solving, advocacy, policy, data, and utilization of technology. The Academy enables leaders to collaboratively analyze and solve problems both within and across school districts in order to achieve better outcomes for students.

The Executive Leadership Academy also incorporates local or state leaders in the program. These leaders come from the corporate, business, or public policy sectors. This component of the program allows community leaders, who are making a difference in Nevada, to share their passion for education with Nevada's education leaders. It gives participants an opportunity to grow their network and engage with stakeholders beyond their schools and school community.

How are leaders selected to participate in the Executive Leadership Academy?

Leaders may apply from school districts, charter school organizations, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and the private sector. Qualities of leader applicants include: high performance, active engagement in their profession, passion and commitment to excellence, and innovative thinking and problem-solving. Interested leaders must complete a written application, which includes three short answer responses. Supervisors must also complete a Leadership Behavior Grid. Both the application and the Leadership Behavior Grid must be submitted by the applicant prior to the due date. A review committee will carefully screen all applicants in order to select a cohort of approximately thirty-five executive leaders.

What is my total time commitment to the program?

The Executive Leadership Academy is held Thursday afternoon (4:30pm – 8:00pm), Friday (8:00am – 4:30pm) and Saturday (8:00am – 12:00pm) each month from

September through June. The Completion Ceremony is an evening event held in the Fall.

Where are classes held?

All classes are held on the ninth floor at North Las Vegas City Hall, which is located at 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North in North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

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

Enrollment fees are paid, in part, by school districts, charter schools, and employers. To a greater extent, The Leadership Institute of Nevada underwrites these fees through the support of donors and grantors from the public and private sectors. The remaining fees will be paid by the participant or their organization. The optional Georgetown University certificate costs approximately \$2000.

Will I receive credit for participating in the Academy?

Yes, leaders selected to participate in the Academy receive credit towards state recertification and CUs toward CCSD's Professional Growth Plan. In addition, the Academy is a proud partner with Georgetown University. Leaders who complete the program may receive a Certificate in Education Leadership and Management from the University's McCourt School of Public Policy. Finally, Clark County School District participants may accrue hours toward Administrative Step Advancement.

What is the Capstone Project?

Leaders who participate in the Academy must complete a capstone project, which enables participants to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the Academy. Capstone projects are grounded in current challenges or problems of practice in Nevada public education, and are completed in small teams of 3-5 leaders. Participants work on various components of the capstone project throughout the Academy, and the final project deliverables are completed by May.

If I do not reside in Clark County, are lodging/accommodations available for participants?

Yes, the Leadership Institute of Nevada has corporate partners in Southern Nevada to provide lodging/accommodations at no cost to Academy participants, who do not reside in Clark County.