

NEW STANDARDS FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERS













Why Is Effective Leadership Essential?

Evidence links it to student performance

Second only to teaching among school-related factors contributing to student achievement

No documented instances of failing schools turning around without powerful leadership



What Are Leadership Standards?

...detail skills and knowledge effective district and school leaders need to influence teaching and student learning

...clarify expectations

for education leaders, ensuring they get they get the support they need

Leadership Standards...

...guide preparation, practice, support and evaluations for district and school leaders

...are voluntary;

states adapt them to local needs



Why Are Standards Being Refreshed?

Responsibilities of principals and superintendents have changed since the last update in 2008

Up-to-date standards ensure that leaders get the support they need

New research demonstrates the value of new functions such as managing change and school cultures

Policy reforms emphasize principal effectiveness



Standards Being Refreshed

Educational Leader Professional Standards (formerly ISLLC)

Standards for practicing district and school leaders

National Educational Leadership Preparation Standards (NELP)*

Standards for preparation
of aspiring school and
district leaders and
accreditation of leadership
preparation programs

* NELP was first developed by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC)



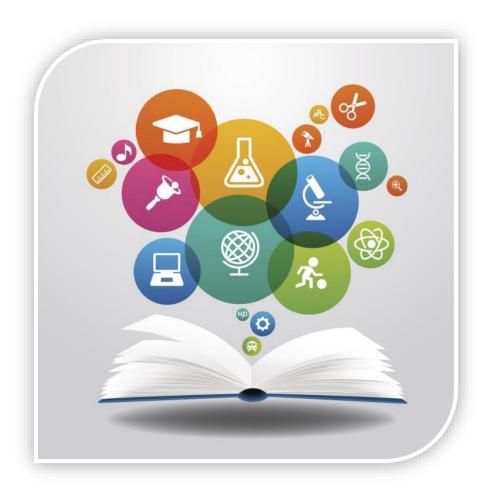
What Do the New Standards Accomplish?



The standards ensure leaders are better able to improve student achievement and meet new, higher expectations. They reflect evidence and experience gained since the last update of the standards in 2008.



What Do the Refreshed Standards Cover?



Critical functions for educational leaders, such as:

- Supporting teaching and learning
- Advancing equity
- Ethics
- Developing professional capacity
- Managing school change
- Managing operations and resources
- Turning around schools



Who is Involved in the Refresh?

Organizational Leadership

- The Council of Chief State School Officers
- The National Policy Board for Educational Administration

Professional Contributions

- Six committees of national experts provided research, field knowledge and initial drafts
- A 13-member working group of researchers and practitioners finalized the standards
- Input from more than 1,000 principals and superintendents

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What Is the Timeline?



November 23, 2015:

Refreshed educational leader standards released

2016:

Resources to support implementation completed



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