

GSLA Leader Academy: Principal Support Program

Do you have a principal who is new to his or her position who would benefit from engagement in a statewide support network that focuses on skills and behaviors that positively impact student achievement? If so, applications are now open for the **Governor's School Leadership Academy Principal Support Program**. [Click here to apply!](#)

In 2021, the Wallace Foundation published a synthesis of 20 years of research on principal effectiveness, and the four key behaviors they identified are the central to the experiences in which principals will engage in throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

- Building a Productive Climate
- Engaging in Instructionally Focused Interactions with Teachers
- Facilitating Collaboration and Professional Learning Communities
- Managing Personnel and Resources Effectively

This year's cohort will participate in a hybrid model, and travel will be limited to decrease costs as well as time away from the building. Half-day face-to-face sessions will be required five times during the school year (September, November, January, and March) at regionally located sites, and all participants will also be expected to join in a two-day kick-off session in July. See below for dates and locations.

Since GSLA began in 2018, we have served new and developing leaders and teachers in more than 115 districts across Georgia. This year, thanks to continued support from the Governor's Office and the Georgia Legislature, **we will again be able to offer all of our programs at no cost to districts.**

There is a program selection summary below for quick reference. Please share this information as appropriate with other leaders in your district. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tandi Tyler at [mailto:tandi.tyler@gosa.ga.gov?subject=More information please GSLA Principal Support](mailto:tandi.tyler@gosa.ga.gov?subject=More%20information%20please%20GSLA%20Principal%20Support).

Program Schedule and Participation

Programming will take place in a hybrid method. All participants will participate in a face-to-face two-day kick off, four face-to-face half-day sessions, and four optional virtual content sessions. During the school year, participants will also have the option to self-select choice sessions offered during virtual months. All participants will participate in an end-of-year GSLA Summit where participants will have an opportunity to highlight progress towards school improvement efforts. To ensure the best outcomes for all participants, attendance and engagement in all required sessions is mandatory. Because of limited space, principals who are selected for participation must commit to the year-long participation requirements outlined below.

Date	Format/ Location	Content	Participation
July 19 – 20 <i>or</i> July 21-22	Face-to-Face Dublin	GSLA Kick-Off	Required
August 16 – 18	Virtual	August Virtual Engagement (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Required
August 23 – 25	Virtual	August Choice Sessions (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Optional
½ days September 20 September 21 September 22	Face-to-Face Waycross Dublin Griffin	Building Positive and Productive Climate	Required
October 18 – 20	Virtual	October Virtual Engagement (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Required
October 25 – 27	Virtual	October Choice Sessions (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Optional
½ days November 15 November 16 November 17	Face-to-Face Waycross Dublin Griffin	Engaging in Instructionally Focused Interactions	Required
December 6 – 8	Virtual	December Virtual Engagement (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Required
December 13 – 15	Virtual	December Choice Sessions (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Optional
½ days January 17 January 18 January 19	Face-to-Face Waycross Dublin Griffin	Managing Personnel and Resources	Required
February 14 – 16	Virtual	February Virtual Engagement (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Required
February 21 – 23	Virtual	February Choice Sessions (Choice of dates/times for one 2-hour session)	Optional
½ days March 14 March 15 March 16	Face-to-Face Waycross Dublin Griffin	Facilitating Collaboration and Professional Learning Teams	Required
June 1 – 2	Face-to-Face Location TBA	GSLA Summit	Required

Principal Cohort Participant Criteria

GSLA will accommodate as many principals as possible; however, should interest exceed capacity, principal acceptance will be prioritized based on the criteria below:

1. former GSLA Aspiring Principal participants who have transitioned to principal role,
2. principals in federally identified schools who have not previously participated in GSLA,
3. principals in districts serving small populations/staff, and
4. principals in years 1 to 3 in role.

Principal Cohort Participant Requirements

Participation in the Governor's School leadership Academy will require the following:

- Attendance and active engagement in a two-day GSLA kick-off the week of July 18th
- Attendance and active engagement in four half-day regional face-to-face cohort sessions throughout the year in the months of September, November, January, and March
- Attendance and active engagement in four two-hour virtual content sessions (August, October, December, and February)
- Monthly check-ins with GSLA regional leadership coaches

For More Information:

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