

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CENTER

Vision: The Northern Virginia School Leadership Center is a community of learners dedicated to nurturing collaborative leadership focused on instruction, engaging in reflective practice, and fostering continuous improvement in teaching and learning by bridging research and practice to inform courageous, ethical action.

Mission: The mission of the Northern Virginia School Leadership Center is to provide exceptional growth opportunities for school leaders and leadership teams through experiential learning and reflective practice.

Partners: Alexandria City Public Schools; Arlington County Public Schools; Fairfax County Public Schools; Loudoun County Public Schools; Prince William County Public Schools; College of Education & Human Development, George Mason University

Program design: The center will feature three major program areas:

1. The **Fellows Program** is a multi-year, intensive leadership development experience for cohorts of school leaders and school teams, which focus on allowing individuals to learn and practice specific leadership proficiencies associated with distributing leadership to improve schools.
2. The **Research Program** will offer an array of services designed to match the research capabilities of university faculty and students to the expanding need school leaders have for timely, trustworthy information to inform decision making.
3. **Conference and Leadership Development** services will reach all schools in the region, providing expanded opportunities for school leaders in each partner district to engage in professional learning opportunities and develop a robust network of peers.

This combination of program offerings is intended to add value to all schools participating by focusing on ways leaders optimally impact school improvement and change.



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