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Module 1: Introduction

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Topic A:

Introduction | 3 min | Hide Content

1. Program overview: "Leadership Toolbox" | 03:04
2. Site Tips | 00:20

Module 2: Becoming an Inspirational School Leader

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Topic A:

Characteristics of Great School Leaders | 1 hr 7 min | Hide Content

1. Leadership makes the difference | 03:42
2. The issues faced by today's school leaders | 01:02
3. The characteristics of a successful school leader | 07:04
4. The school leader as a politician | 03:28
5. Balancing managerial versus instructional leadership | 04:19
6. Should school leaders be risk adverse? | 03:58
7. The value of leadership experience | 01:07
8. The shortage of school leaders | 04:20
9. Why teachers don't seek leadership positions | 07:22
10. Should school leaders be required to have previous teaching experience? | 03:37
11. Can a private sector management company run a school? | 03:44
12. The pros and cons of school choice | 02:01
13. The legal requirements for becoming a school leader | 01:45
14. The benefit of mentorship and job shadowing | 05:17
15. Why become a school principal or superintendent? | 04:39
16. Bifurcated leadership systems | 03:11
17. Restructuring our educational entities | 02:54
18. Is early retirement a good thing? | 03:46

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Topic B:

Is there a School Leader Shortage? | 35 min | Hide Content

1. Putting leadership theory into practice | 02:42
2. The challenge of recruiting successful school leaders | 05:57
3. The need for relevant professional development for school leaders | 04:05
4. Are colleges adequately preparing the next generation of school leaders? | 03:21
5. Should mentors be required for new principals? | 05:50
6. What is the appropriate salary for school leaders? | 05:22
7. Ways to get businesses involved in our schools | 04:33
8. Passion for the job of school leader | 02:56

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Passion for Leadership | 36 min | Hide Content

1. The four traits of an effective school leader | 02:52
2. Dealing with "leadership potholes" | 05:48
3. The heart of a successful school leader | 07:13
4. Becoming a school leader that makes things happen | 06:06
5. Lead, follow, or get out of the way | 05:43
6. Ruling and controlling is not leading | 03:37
7. Frequently asked questions about leadership passion | 05:21

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Module 3: Effectively Managing Your School

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Topic A:

A Guide to Facility Planning | 33 min | Hide Content

1. Taking on the job of facility planning | 01:23
2. Resurrecting your planning skills | 00:57
3. External changes that affect facility planning | 02:15
4. The principal's role in the facility planning process | 02:29
5. A step by step approach to facility planning | 02:07
6. Factors to consider when formulating your plan | 03:50
7. The role of the architect | 01:58
8. Exploring design options | 01:55
9. Testing design assumptions and alternatives | 01:19
10. Communication, collaboration, and being realistic | 03:15
11. The importance of performing frequent reality tests | 02:42
12. Articulating a vision and keeping the project on track | 02:39
13. Obtaining support and additional information about facility planning | 00:44
14. FAQ #1 - What does the "design down" process mean? | 01:01
15. FAQ #2 - Why does vision have to drive the plan? | 00:36
16. FAQ #3 - Why do we need to rethink school architecture? | 01:15
17. FAQ #4 - What is the purpose of the educational specifications? | 01:19
18. FAQ #5 - Why do I have to consult with the community and other stakeholders? | 01:02

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Topic B:

Professional Development: Lead by Example | 35 min | Hide Content

1. How increased access to information is affecting the role of the school leader | 01:12
2. The importance of instructional leadership | 01:12
3. Creating a common focus on student achievement | 02:38
4. Guiding staff development principles: relevance, rigor and results driven | 04:14
5. Guiding staff development principles: reflection and responsiveness | 03:16
6. Designing and implementing a staff development program | 04:02
7. Allocating the proper time for staff development | 02:52
8. Creating a staff development plan – accepting the present realities | 01:30
9. Creating a staff development plan – first consider your audience | 01:30
10. Designing staff development activities | 04:33
11. Using technology in staff development | 01:56
12. Evaluating the effectiveness of your staff development | 04:33

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Topic C:

Developing a 21st Century Curriculum | 1 hr 22 min | Hide Content

1. Developing a K-12 curriculum for the 21st Century | 02:22
2. Educators' frustrations--Part 1 | 01:16
3. Educators' frustrations--Part 2 | 02:48

4. Six questions to guide curriculum planning | 00:48
5. What do I include in the curriculum? | 02:03
6. Establishing enduring goals | 03:26
7. Focusing on student skills | 01:25
8. Moving to power standards | 10:01
9. Designing curriculum that has meaning | 11:30
10. Curriculum integration | 09:45
11. Curriculum in a changing society | 04:04
12. Findings from National Curriculum Reports | 04:23
13. Curriculum and accountability | 10:33
14. Problems with traditional curriculum | 10:45
15. Articulation difficulties | 07:07

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Topic D:

Developing a School-Wide Literacy Program | Hide Content

1. Laying the groundwork for literacy success | 04:40
2. Assessing your school's literacy practices | 05:26
3. Integrating a school wide continuous improvement & literacy plan | 04:10
4. Innovative ways to improve reading proficiency at a low performing school | 04:26
5. What does the research tell us about effective literacy practices? | 03:13
6. The five essential components of good reading instruction | 03:59
7. Promote literacy by creating meaningful partnerships with the business community | 04:43

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Module 4: Shaping the Culture of Your School

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Topic A:

Real Stories from a Life Long Middle School Principal | 1 hr | Hide Content

1. The life of a middle school leader | 01:53
2. Stay focused on middle school literacy | 07:14
3. Interviewing for the job of middle school principal | 04:26
4. My first day as a middle school principal | 07:24
5. Facing my first controversial issue as middle school principal | 09:19
6. The challenge of moving from the one school to another | 10:04
7. Creating a school with a theme of "student respect" | 04:11
8. Lessons learned from my years as a middle school principal | 09:43
9. Leadership professional development through story telling | 02:29

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Topic B:

Phil Schlechty – What Makes a School Leader Successful? | 44 min | Hide Content

1. Maintaining a vision and focus on student learning | 02:53
2. The criteria for hiring and training school leaders | 04:38
3. Can school leadership be learned? | 02:18
4. A Principal is the leader of leaders | 02:26
5. Values need to be centralized – operations need to be decentralized | 06:10
6. Encouraging teacher leadership - a powerful paradigm shift | 05:54
7. Creating a sense of community within your school | 03:13
8. Creating opportunities to lead | 08:05
9. The important initial step of gathering a guiding coalition | 07:19
10. Leaders have an obligation to develop other leaders | 01:12

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What Works: Results from a Two Year School Research Study | 29 min | Hide Content

1. A research project that quantifies the practices of high performing schools | 05:03
2. The profound impact of caring and setting high expectations | 01:28
3. Creating a rigorous and integrated curriculum | 02:03
4. The school as a learning community | 02:56
5. The importance of monitoring student success | 04:18
6. Emphasizing problem solving and higher order thinking skills | 01:53
7. The compelling benefit of active learning | 01:29
8. Teacher expertise makes a difference | 02:35
9. Connecting professional development to student achievement | 00:57
10. Measuring student achievement through multiple measures | 01:08
11. Using assessment data to improve teaching practice and student programs | 01:27
12. School transformation requires effective school leadership | 01:36
13. Research project summary | 02:02

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Topic D:

Teach the Child - NOT the Subject | 20 min | Hide Content

1. Teachers teach children – not a particular subject | 07:15
2. Teaching and learning is not all about data | 07:42
3. Focus on each child – not all children | 05:52

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Mod 4 Assessment - Shaping the Culture of Your School**Module 5:
School Crisis Survival Guide**This topic is:
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Topic A:

Preparing For a School Crisis | Hide Content

1. How do students cope with grief? | 07:20
2. School violence and adolescent suicide | 02:12
3. Should a school develop a crisis response team? | 04:52
4. Developing a district wide crisis response plan | 07:40
5. What should I do when a student or teacher is diagnosed with a terminal illness? | 02:18
6. The essential elements that should be part of every school crisis plan | 07:52
7. Notifying parents, safe rooms, and student memorials | 09:23
8. What is the role of each member of the crisis team? | 10:56
9. A repertoire of suggestions from an experienced crisis team leader | 02:31
10. Mobilizing the faculty, staff and crisis team | 08:06

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Topic B:

An Elementary School Deals With a Student Suicide | Hide Content

1. An Oregon Elementary school student commits suicide before school | 02:30
2. Communicating the news of the suicide to the student body | 02:55
3. Communicating with the family of the student who committed suicide | 02:03
4. How did the crisis team assist the school Principal? | 02:06
5. Grieving is an essential part of the recovery process | 01:24
6. The Principal reflects on what he learned from the suicide crisis | 01:04

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Topic C:

A High School Deals with Multiple Teacher Deaths | Hide Content

1. An Oregon high school faces the impending death of several popular teachers | 03:00
2. Using the high school library as a safe room | 01:27

3. Developing confidence in your crisis team | 03:14
4. What other community members should be part of your crisis team? | 01:48
5. The Principal reflects on what was learned from the grieving process | 02:54
6. A school memorial helps bring closure to the grieving process | 02:00
7. What is the difference between crisis management and counseling? | 03:22
8. Have a crisis plan - follow the plan | 01:31

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Topic D:

A Rural School Deals With a Teacher Suicide | Hide Content

1. The first hours following a teacher suicide | 04:21
2. Teachers and administrators in crisis often act illogically | 02:20
3. A crisis model to increase the comfort level of teachers and administrators | 02:58
4. Debriefing with the crisis team | 02:32
5. Establishing crisis expectations | 03:56
6. Should a school "look forward" when dealing with a terminal illness? | 02:37
7. Answering the student's question: "Is my school safe?" | 08:35
8. Using your crisis plan to address other related issues | 02:58
9. Debriefing with a student rape victim | 04:02
10. Recognizing the difference between trauma and grief | 03:30