

TEACH LEAD

Leading from the Classroom

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Overview

Teach to Lead is an initiative of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the U.S. Department of Education, and ASCD to advance student outcomes by expanding opportunities for teacher leadership, particularly those that allow teachers to stay in the classroom.

The initiative seeks to highlight existing state and district systems that are working to support teacher leadership; share resources to create new opportunities for teacher leadership; and encourage people at all levels to commit to expanding teacher leadership. To create systemic and sustained change, Teach to Lead involves stakeholders at every level of education and is informed and driven by teacher voice.

Crowdsourcing Teacher Leadership

Teach to Lead offers teachers a platform for sharing their ideas for improving education in their school, district or state and gain input from their peers to create action plans to achieve them. Whether it's engaging teachers in education policy decisions or mentoring the next generation of teachers, an idea may reflect an existing teacher leadership effort or it may propose an entirely new concept. However, successful teacher leadership efforts often:

- Increase pathways and opportunities for teachers to exercise leadership, especially those that allow teachers to continue teaching students on a regular basis;
- Elevate teacher voice and influence in policy and practice; and/or
- Expand existing efforts and create models for the field of effective teacher-led work.

Teacher Leadership Summits and Labs

To create transformational change at the local level, Teach to Lead is hosting a series of regional Teacher Leader Summits and smaller Teacher Leader Labs in select communities identified as having great potential for teacher leadership to take root or expand for greater impact. These convenings will facilitate the development of meaningful teacher leadership commitments by all necessary stakeholders and detailed plans of action to achieve them.

Working closely with supporter organizations, we have held successful regional summits for teacher leaders in Louisville, KY, Denver, CO, Boston, MA, Washington, DC, and Tacoma, Washington. Building on the summits, we have held productive local labs in Marshall, MI, Hartford, CT, Mission, SD, Springfield, IL, Portland, OR, Gilbert, AZ, Boston, MA, Garden City, NY and Williamsport, PA. This fall we will have additional labs in Omaha, NE, Albuquerque, NM and Starkville, MS. The dates and locations of future summits and labs will be announced as they are determined.

Participating communities will benefit from broad support for their commitment at the local level and from open and candid dialogue about teacher leadership, as well as national recognition from ED, ASCD, and the National Board for their work.

Supporters

Nearly 90 organizations have signed on as Teach to Lead supporter organizations. For more information, please email Maddie.Fennell@ed.gov.