

MCLA prepares candidates to serve as highly effective leaders of educational institutions and as active citizens in their communities. Students learn in a variety of cultural venues, advance their professional skills, and are challenged to consider how equity, justice, and civil rights contribute to their work as anti-racist school leaders. Students make lasting connections with faculty and educators around the region.

Eligibility and Licensure

- A current initial or higher educator license
- Three years of experience working under this license
- A master's degree
- Submission of all required application materials

Upon successful completion of the Leadership Academy, graduates are endorsed for building-level licensure. An optional district-level licensure is available.

In Massachusetts:
Principal/Assistant Principal PreK-8
or 5-12
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent

In New York:
Principal/Assistant Principal (SBL)
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent (SDL)

MCLA Leadership Academy students experience:

- Place-based curriculum
- Music
- Art integration
- Simulations
- EdCamp
- Project-based learning
- Self-assessment
- Design Thinking
- Writing for publication
- Equity audits
- Data-driven planning
- Fieldwork
- Lectures by prominent thinkers

MCLA Leadership Academy

- Designed for educators who seek to advance professionally while working
- 12 months start-to-finish for Massachusetts Principal Assistant Principal; New York SBL
- 16 months for Massachusetts Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent; New York SDL (NY includes one additional course)
- A two-week summer residency, two weekend residencies (fall and spring), and a final residency hosted in the beautiful Berkshires.
- Online courses
- Internships supported by College Supervisors who travel to educators' home districts
- Affordable, public college tuition/fee rates

(An optional 9-credit C.A.G.S. sequence is available)

Application deadline: April 15, 2023

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"I highly recommend the MCLA Leadership Academy. It was an eye-opening and life changing experience. I am prepared to go into the world of administration thanks to MCLA."

2020 Cohort member