



School District Administrator Cohort

(PDE Certification, Superintendent PK-12 Letter of Eligibility)

This program prepares aspiring school district leaders to fulfill a variety of central office administrative roles, including superintendent. The program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Superintendent Letter of Eligibility and aligns with the Educational Leadership doctoral degree.

New Program Structure

- Following a cohort model helps to create professional bonds that expand and strengthen leaders' networks as they advance their careers.
- Recognizing the demands placed on working professionals, classes are held once a week at times designed to best meet students' schedules.

SCHEDULE

All courses are 3 credits, unless otherwise noted. Course descriptions can be found in the course catalog.

Semester	Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Dates
Summer 2025	EDL 485 The Superintendency	Dr. Osborne	Tuesdays	4:25 - 7:05 p.m.	5/19 - 8/7
	EDL 426 Introduction to Relational Leadership	Dr. Minotti	Tuesdays	4:25 - 7:05 p.m.	5/19 - 8/7
Fall 2025	EDL 425 Leading and Managing Change	Dr. Draper	Fridays	4:25 - 7:05 p.m.	8/25 - 12/5
	EDL 436 School District Governance	Dr. Osborne	Fridays	4:25 - 7:05 p.m.	8/25 - 12/5
Spring 2026	EDL 488 Program Evaluation	Dr. Fogt	Fridays	4:25 - 7:05 p.m.	1/26 - 5/20
	EDL 437 School District Resource Management	Dr. Resende	Fridays	4:25 - 7:05 p.m.	1/26 - 5/20
Summer 2026	EDL 422 Curriculum Management for the School Executive	Drs. Lutz-Doemling & O'Connell	One Week	TBD	TBD
Fall 2026	EDL 408 Central Office Internship 1	Dr. Osborne	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
Fall 2026	EDL 409 Central Office Internship II	Dr. Osborne	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged

Please Note: Additional courses needed for individuals without principal certification.



Quick Facts

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Deadline

Apply by May 5 for summer start. The application and all supporting materials are due by the listed deadlines.

Modality

On-Campus

Time to Completion

2-3 years

Culminating Experience

Apprenticeship with a superintendent

Application Requirements

Essay, resume, unofficial transcript

CONTACT

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Meet the Faculty

Students will learn how to implement evidence-based practices from a slate of instructors who have worked in a host of school district leadership positions.



Dr. Benita Draper

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Easton Area School District



Dr. Julie Fogt

Director of Centennial School and Affiliated Professor, Lehigh University



Dr. Christina Lutz-Doemling

Superintendent
Catasauqua Area School District



Dr. Michelle Minotti

Assistant Superintendent
Parkland School District



Dr. Bridget O'Connell

Superintendent
Palisades School District



Dr. Brian G. Osborne

Professor of Practice
Lehigh University



Dr. Isabel Resende

Superintendent of Schools
Nazareth Area School District