



Leadership Institute for School Principals

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▶ why apply?

The Leadership Institute for School Principals offers public- and private-school principals in Kentucky an opportunity to receive powerful individual leadership development. The program is provided at no cost through the Kentucky Chamber Foundation, the Truist Leadership Institute, and support from Kentucky's business community.

The Leadership Institute for School Principals accelerates principal effectiveness in leading themselves and their school teams through a series of learning experiences designed to:

- Develop a deeper understanding of beliefs and the resulting behaviors that impact leadership effectiveness
- Expand awareness of navigating both personal and organizational change
- Discover strategies to create an environment that fosters greater teacher engagement
- Earn EILA credit hours for all session hours throughout the program (>30 hours)

“ *The Leadership Institute for School Principals is a world-class program that is propelling our leaders to make meaningful changes to our schools and further enhancing the educational experience of our students. The impact will be felt for generations of Kentucky students.*



— **Dr. Bob Lawson**

2012 Program Alumni and Superintendent of Henderson County Schools

Apply online at principalsleadky.com



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May 13, 2026 12-1pm ET

Live Online

June 22-25, 2026

Greensboro, NC

July 13, 2026 3-5pm ET

Live Online

October 26-27, 2026

Frankfort, KY

January 21-22, 2027

Frankfort, KY

**COHORT
C&D**

May 20, 2026 12-1pm ET

Live Online

November 2-3, 2026

Frankfort, KY

July 13-16, 2026

Greensboro, NC

January 27-28, 2027

Frankfort, KY

August 3, 2026 3-5pm ET

Live Online

Truist Leadership Institute

Building on its demonstrated success in developing business leaders, Truist Leadership Institute has customized a program to meet the specific leadership development needs of school principals. The program is delivered using a blended approach that immerses participants in a learning experience that focuses on raising a leader's self-awareness, developing conscious leadership practices, and improving skills critical to individual, team, and organizational performance.

Cost

For applicants that are selected, Leadership Institute tuition, travel, food, and hotel costs are provided at no cost thank to the support of Kentucky's business community, charitable contributions, and Truist Leadership Institute in-kind giving—more than a \$18,500 value.

Selection Process

Principals will be selected through a competitive application process. No more than 48 principals will be accepted. The number of participants will be selected based on available funding and cohort requirements. Successful applicants will be notified by March 13, 2026. The program best suited to principals with 1-5 years of experience in the principal role.

Time Commitment

Before applying, applicants should consider the additional time and effort this professional development opportunity requires. This is not a typical "sit and get" program and will require active participation through assessments, goal-setting, and a commitment to learn and grow with your cohort and consultants.

Attendance

Applicants are required to attend all sessions of the Leadership Institute. Participants will be required to pay any fees associated with late cancellation. Participants not attending sessions for any reason will be required to remit expenses (mileage, hotel, meal stipend) associated with the session missed and will forfeit applicable EILA credits. Participants are required to notify Leadership Institute staff as soon as a potential conflict is discovered.

Location

The Leadership Institute begins in the summer with Truist Leadership Institute's (TLI) flagship program, Mastering Leadership Dynamics for Educational Leaders. Participants will attend a four-day intensive workshop on TLI's campus in Greensboro, North Carolina and also a blended learning journey comprised of virtual self-paced and live online sessions. This experience is followed by a two-day session in the fall and another two-day session early in 2027—both in Frankfort at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

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Requirements

Applicants must be current Kentucky public- or private-school principals (vice or assistant principals are not eligible). Elementary, middle and high school principals are eligible.

Letter of Recommendation

A letter of support from an applicant's superintendent (or immediate supervisor for private school applicants) is required. The letter should indicate why the principal is qualified and would benefit from attending the Leadership Institute for School Principals.

Application Process

Applications may be completed at www.principalsleadky.com. Applications including a letter of recommendation, must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on **Friday, February 27, 2026**. Email letters of recommendation to ghoyt@kychamber.com.

Questions? Contact Ginny Hoyt at ghoyt@kychamber.com or call (502)848-8773.



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