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SUPERINTENDENT PROGRAM

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Educational Leadership at Westminster College
Mission Statement

The graduate program in educational leadership at Westminster College is designed to develop the requisite knowledge, applicable skills, and appropriate attitudes in aspiring school leaders.

The expected outcome of the program is not a credential or collection of courses but rather professionals who desire to be effective leaders...people whose actions, words, and beliefs demonstrate leadership at its finest.

The Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership (PIL) and the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards are woven through the coursework, the related field experiences, and the culminating internship which seeks to integrate theory and practice. The integration of practical fieldwork, technological applications, simulations, problem-solving activities, and ethical consideration within the academic coursework is central to the program which focuses on responsibility, accountability, student achievement, and school improvement.

There exists a cognizance that the understanding of self is critical to the understanding of others; thus opportunities for personal growth and professional development are important.

The program is undergirded by -
- a sense of service
- a positive spirit
- an emphasis on an ethical foundation
- the promotion of the highest professional standards

The goal of the program is to develop servant leaders who pursue a call rather than a job ... who maintain a focus on the vision of better schools for our children ... who manage themselves, their personnel, and their students with strength and gentleness, expertise and understanding, fairness and firmness, respect and truth, and goodness and grace.
PA INSPIRED LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Core Standards

1. Knowledge and skills to think and plan strategically creating an organizational vision around personalized student success.
2. An understanding of standards-based systems theory and design and the ability to transfer that knowledge to the leader’s job as an architect of standards based reform in the school.
3. The ability to access and use appropriate data to inform decision-making at all levels of the system.

Corollary Standards

1. Creating a culture of teaching and learning with an emphasis on learning.
2. Managing resources for effective results.
3. Collaborating, communicating, engaging, and empowering others inside and outside the organization to pursue excellence in learning.
4. Operating in a fair and equitable manner with personal and professional integrity.
5. Advocating for children and public education in the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

Special Education Competencies

1. Over-representation of diverse students in special education.
3. Effective instructional strategies for students with disabilities in inclusive settings.
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CANDIDATE COMPETENCIES (KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING)

Core Standard One:
The leader has knowledge and skills to think and plan strategically, creating an organizational vision around personalized student success.
Core 1 A: Work with the Board of Education to accomplish strategic goals and objectives.
Core 1 B: Facilitate the development of a shared vision for personalized student success.
Core 1 C: Apply strategic thinking and change strategies to address student achievement challenges at the district level.
Core 1 D: Work with a team to create and implement strategic, operational, and tactical plans that demonstrate desired results.
Core 1 E: Lead a team through a district-level problem solving process resulting in a plausible solution.
Core 1 F: Apply a range of leadership styles appropriate to a variety of coil texts.

Core Standard Two:
The leader is grounded in standards-based systems theory and design and is able to transfer knowledge to his/her job as an architect of standards-based reform in the school.
Core 2 A: Implement a district-wide standards-based reform initiative.
Core 2 B: Apply systems thinking in decision-making situations.
Core 2 C: Focus adequate resources on reform efforts.
Core 2 D: Demonstrate the ability to align reform efforts with federal, state, and district requirements.

Core Standard Three:
The leader knows how to access and use appropriate data to inform decision-making at all levels of the system.
Core 3 A: Lead decision-making processes appropriate to the situation.
Core 3 B: Structure problems for solution and frame issues for resolution.
Core 3 C: Use assessment and evaluation information for continuous improvement efforts.
Core 3 D: Use data and information to inform decisions.

Corollary Standard One:
The leader creates a culture of teaching and learning with an emphasis on learning.
Corollary 1 A: Apply research-based best practices to solve school reform problems and challenges.
Corollary 1 B: Apply best practices to establish and improve the organizational climate across the educational community.
Corollary 1 C: Model the attributes of a continuous learner and demonstrate that expectation for others.
Corollary 1 D: Plan and execute plans to ensure the safest and most secure environment across the district.
Corollary Standard Two:  
**The leader manages resources for effective results.**
Corollary 2 A: Develop a budget plan that is aligned to district goals and priorities.
Corollary 2 B: Ensure that technology is appropriately implemented throughout the district.
Corollary 2 C: Know how to manage human resources effectively.
Corollary 2 D: Increase and allocate available resources.
Corollary 2 E: Assess the way resources are utilized and the results produced.
Corollary 2 F: Know regulations and policies and how to interpret them accurately and apply them appropriately.
Corollary 2 G: Provide consistent and effective management practice through written policies and procedures.

Corollary Standard Three:  
**The leader collaborates, communicates, engages, and empowers others inside and outside the organization to pursue excellence in learning.**
Corollary 3 A: Establish and improve the culture of learning throughout the district.
Corollary 3 B: Communicate effectively.
Corollary 3 C: Involve key community, district, and school stakeholders in reform efforts.
Corollary 3 D: Model appropriate leadership behavior and develop leadership skills in others through mentoring and coaching.
Corollary 3 E: Assemble appropriate stakeholders into effective teams for problem solving.

Corollary Standard Four:  
**The leader operates in a fair and equitable manner with personal and professional integrity.**
Corollary 4 A: Demonstrate impeccable personal and professional ethics at all times.
Corollary 4 B: Embrace and utilize diversity to improve performance and learning.
Corollary 4 C: Use data and information from multiple sources to improve decision-making across the district.
Corollary 4 D: Address conflict and resolve differences to achieve effective results.

Corollary Standard Five:  
**The leader advocates for children and public education in the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.**
Corollary 5 A: Identify and interpret external influences and how they impact local educational decisions.
Corollary 5 B: Exhibit continuous focus on all children and their individual learning needs.
Corollary 5 C: Exhibit sound judgment in operational and educational decisions to maximize learning opportunities for all children.
Corollary 5 D: Engage with governmental and political leaders to effectively address the developmental and educational needs of all children.
Corollary 5 E: Demonstrate knowledge of the law.
Corollary Standard Six:

The leader supports professional growth of self and others through practice and inquiry.

Corollary 6 A: Use professional development as a way to increase individual and institutional capability.

Corollary 6 B: Engage staff and Board members in relevant professional development activities.

Corollary 6 C: Develop professional development plans that create challenging opportunities for all staff.

Corollary 6 D: Demonstrate the ability to identify and nurture individual strengths and leverage the human resources to benefit the district.

Corollary 6 E: Design professional development plans that lead to improved student learning.

Special Education One:

Over-representation of diverse students in Special Education

SED 1 A: Identify factors contributing to the over-representation of culturally and linguistically diverse students in programs for individuals with disabilities and implement strategies for the reduction of the over-representation.

SED 1 B: Demonstrate an understanding of over-representation of minorities in special education so as to not misinterpret behaviors that represent cultural, linguistic differences as indicative of learning problems.

SED 1 C: Interact and meet effectively with families.

SED 1 D: Distinguish between the culture and the family and the economic situation of the family and how poverty affects families.

SED 1 E: Identify how the family’s culture and values affect how they view disabilities.

SED 1 F: Celebrate heritages and cultures and their link to learning.

SED 1 G: Incorporate stories and resources from many cultural and ethnic traditions.

SED 1 H: Build on students’ strengths when teaching literacy skills to language minority students.

SED 1 I: Directly use best, evidenced-based practices for teaching students from diverse backgrounds.

SED 1 J: Implement processes that successfully prevent inappropriate placement and ensure that the opportunities for educational achievement to minority students equal those offered to majority group.
Special Education Two: Prevention and Early Intervention
SED 2 A: Connect general education curriculum, compensatory, and special education in providing high quality standards-based instruction/intervention that is matched to students’ academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs.
SED 2 B: Demonstrates high-quality instruction for all students, through scientific research and evidenced-based practice to produce high rates of learning for all students.
SED 2 C: Implement universal screening of all students with periodic monitoring of students’ progress in the curriculum
SED 2 D: Provide interventions for struggling learners at increasing levels of intensity and matched to individual student need.
SED 2 E: Implement an integrated system of assessment and data collection for identification of students struggling to meet academic and behavioral expectations.
SED 2 F: Monitor students’ learning rates and levels of performance and use that information in ongoing problem solving and decision-making.
SED 2 G: Determine which students need additional help regarding the intensity and likely duration of interventions, based on each student’s response to instruction across multiple tiers of intervention.
SED 2 H: Know how to implement school-wide approaches to intervention and effective instruction.
SED 2 I: Demonstrate evidenced-based practices for use in both the special and regular education settings in the school.

Special Education Three: Effective instructional strategies for students with disabilities in Inclusive Settings.
SED 3 A: Identify effective instructional strategies to address areas of need.
SED 3 B: Scaffold instruction to maximize instructional access to all students.
SED 3 C: Monitor student progress to provide mediated scaffolding and increase academic rigor when appropriate.
SED 3 D: Provide feedback to students at all levels to increase awareness in areas of strengths, as well as areas of concern.
SED 3 E: Strategically aligns standards-based curriculum with effective instructional practices.
SED 3 F: Identify and implement instructional adaptations based on evidenced-based practices to provide curriculum content in a variety of ways without compromising curriculum intent.
SED 3 G: Analyze performance of all learners and make appropriate modifications.
SED 3 H: Design and implement programs that reflect knowledge, awareness and responsiveness, to diverse needs of students with disabilities.
SED 3 I: Use research-supported methods for academic and non-academic instruction for students with disabilities.
SED 3 J: Develop and implement universally designed instruction.
SED 3 K: Demonstrate an understanding of the range and the appropriate use of assistive technology (i.e. no tech, low tech, high tech).
SED 3 L: Demonstrate efficient differentiated instruction and an understanding of efficient planning, coordination, and delivery for effective instruction required for inclusive settings.
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Alignment with PA Inspired Leadership Standards

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Superintendent Competencies (Ohio)

AREA I. STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP
The knowledge, skills and attributes to identify contexts, development with others vision and purpose, utilize information, frame problems, exercise leadership processes to achieve common goals, and to act ethically for educational communities.

IA. Professional and Ethical Leadership – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

LA.1 Facilitate the development and implementation of a shared vision and strategic plan for the school or district that focuses on teaching and learning.
LA.2 Understand and create conditions that motivate staff, students and families to achieve the school’s vision.
LA.3 Frame, analyze, and resolve problems using appropriate problem solving techniques and decision making skills.
LA.4 Initiate, manage and evaluate the change process.
LA.5 Identify and critique several theories of leadership and their application to various school environments.
LA.6 Act with a reasoned understanding of major historical, philosophical, ethical, social and economic influences affecting education in a democratic society.
LA.7 Manifest a professional code of ethics and values.

IB. Information Management and Evaluation – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

LB.1 Conduct needs assessments by collecting information on students, on staff, and the school environment; on family and community values, expectations and priorities; and on national and global conditions affecting schools.
LB.2 Use qualitative and quantitative data to make informed decisions, to plan and assess school programs, to design accountability systems, to plan for school improvement, and to develop and conduct research.
LB.3 Engage staff in an ongoing study of current best practices and relevant research and demographic data, and analyze their implications for school improvement.
LB.4 Analyze and interpret educational data, issues, and trends for boards, committees and other groups, outlining possible actions and their implications.
AREA II. INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP
The knowledge, skills and attributes to design with others appropriate curricula and instructional programs, to develop student personnel services, and to plan with faculty professional development activities aimed at improving instruction.

IIA. Curriculum, Instruction, Supervision and the Learning Environment – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

II.A.1 Create with teachers, parents and students a positive school culture that promotes learning.
II.A.2 Develop collaboratively a learning organization that supports instructional improvement, builds an appropriate curriculum, and incorporates best practices.
II.A.3 Base curricular decisions on research, applied theory, informed practice, the recommendations of the learned societies, and state and federal policies and mandates.
II.A.4 Design curricula with consideration for philosophical, sociological, and historic foundations, democratic values, and the community’s values, goals, social needs, and changing conditions.
II.A.5 Align curricular goals and objectives with instructional goals and objectives and desired outcomes when developing scope, sequence, balance, etc.
II.A.6 Develop with other curriculum and instruction appropriate for varied teaching and learning styles and specific student needs based on gender, ethnicity, culture, social class and exceptionalities.
II.A.7 Utilize a variety of supervisory models to improve teaching and learning.
II.A.8 Use various staffing patterns, student grouping plans, class scheduling forms, school organizational structures, and facilities design process, to support various teaching strategies and desired student outcomes.
II.A.9 Assess student progress using a variety of appropriate techniques.

II B. Professional Development and Human Resources – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

II.B.1 Work with faculty and other stakeholders to identify needs for professional development, to organize, facilitate, and evaluate professional development programs, to integrate district and school priorities, to build faculty as a resource, and to ensure that professional development activities focus on improving student outcomes.
II.B.2 Apply adult learning strategies to professional development, focusing on authentic problems and tasks, and utilizing mentoring, coaching, conferencing and other techniques to ensure that the new knowledge and skills are practiced in the workplace.
II.B.3 Apply effective job analysis procedures, supervisory techniques and performance appraisal for instructional and non-instructional staff.
II.B.4 Formulate and implement a self-development plan, endorsing the value of career-long growth, and utilizing a variety of resources for continuing professional development.
II.B.5 Identify and apply appropriate policies, criteria and processes for the recruitment, selection, induction, compensation and separation of personnel, with attention to issues of equity and diversity.
II.B.6 Negotiate and manage effectively collective bargaining or written agreements.
II C. Student Personnel Services – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

II.C.1 Apply the principles of student growth and development to the learning environment and the educational program.
II.C.2 Develop with the counseling and teaching staff a full program of student advisement, counseling and guidance services.
II.C.3 Develop and administer policies that provide a safe school environment and promote student health and welfare.
II.C.4 Address student and family conditions affecting learning by collaborating with community agencies to integrate health, social, and other service for students.
II.C.5 Plan and manage activity programs to fulfill student developmental, social, cultural, athletic, leadership and scholastic needs; working with staff, students, families, and community.

AREA III. ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP
The knowledge, skills and attributes to understand and improve the organization, implement operational plans, manage financial resources, and apply decentralized management processes and procedures.

IIIA. Organizational Management – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

IIIA.1 Establish operational plans and processes to accomplish strategic goals, utilizing practical applications of organizational theories.
IIIA.2 Apply a systems perspective, viewing schools as interactive internal systems operating within external environments.
IIIA.3 Implement appropriate management techniques and group processes to define roles, assign functions, delegate effectively, and determine accountability for attaining goals.
IIIA.4 Monitor and assess the program of activities; making adjustments and formulating new action steps as necessary.

IIIB. Interpersonal Relationships – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

IIIB.1 Use appropriate interpersonal skills, e.g., exhibiting sensitivity, showing respect and interest, perceiving needs and concerns, showing tact, exhibiting consistency and trustworthiness.
IIIB.2 Use appropriate written, verbal, and non-verbal communications in a variety of situations.
IIIB.3 Apply appropriate communications strategies, e.g., identifying audiences, determining messages, selecting transmission mediums, identifying reaction of receivers, soliciting responses.
IIIB.4 Promote multi-cultural awareness, gender sensitivity, and racial and ethnic appreciation.
IIIB.5 Apply counseling and mentoring skills, and utilize stress management and conflict management techniques.
IIIC. Financial Management and Resource Allocation – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

III.C.1 Identify and analyze the major sources of fiscal and non-fiscal resources for schools and school districts.
III.C.2 Acquire and manage financial and material assets, and capital goods and services, allocating resources according to district or school priority, e.g., property, plant, equipment, transportation and food services.
III.C.3 Develop an efficient budget planning process that is driven by district and school priorities and involves staff and community.
III.C.4 Performs budget management functions including financial planning, monitoring, cost control, expenditures accounting, and cash flow management.

IIID. Technology and Information Systems – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

III.D.1 Use technology, telecommunications and information systems to enrich curriculum and instruction, e.g., CD ROM retrieval systems, in-line networks, distance learning, interactive video.
III.D.2 Apply and assess current technologies for school management and business procedures.
III.D.3 Develop and monitor long range plans for school and district technology and information systems, making informed decisions about computer hardware and software, and about staff development, keeping in mind the impact of technologies on student outcomes.
AREA IV. POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The knowledge, skills and attributes to act in accordance with legal provisions and statutory requirements, to apply regulatory standards, to develop and apply appropriate policies, to be conscious of ethical implications of policy initiatives and political actions, to relate public policy initiatives to student welfare, to understand schools as political systems, to involve citizens and service agencies, and to develop effective staff communications and public relations programs.

IVA. Community and Media Relations – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

IV.A.1 Analyze community and district power structures, and identify major opinion leaders and their relationships to school goals and programs.
IV.A.2 Articulate the district’s or school’s vision, mission and priorities to the community and media, and build community support for district or school priorities and programs, e.g., form collaborative relationships with businesses, citizen groups, neighborhood associations, social service agencies, parent organizations, advocacy groups, universities, and religious institutions.
IV.A.3 Communicate effectively with various cultural, ethnic, racial, and special interest groups in the community.
IV.A.4 Involve family and community in appropriate policy development, program planning, and assessment processes.
IV.A.5 Develop an effective and interactive staff communications plan and public relations program.
IV.A.6 Utilize and respond effectively to electronic and printed news media.

IVB. Educational Law, Public Policy and Political Systems – The institution’s program prepares school leaders who understand and demonstrate the ability to:

IV.B.1 Apply knowledge of federal and state constitutional, statutory and regulatory provisions and judicial decisions governing education.
IV.B.2 Apply knowledge of common law and contractual requirements and procedures in an educational setting, e.g., tort liability, contract administration, formal hearings.
IV.B.3 Define and relate the general characteristics of internal and external political systems as they apply to school settings.
IV.B.4 Describe the processes by which federal, state, district and school-site policies are formulated, enacted, implemented and evaluated, and develop strategies for influencing policy development.
IV.B.5 Make decisions based on the moral and ethical implications of policy options and political strategies.
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IV.B.7 Develop appropriate procedures and relationships for working with local governing boards.
AREA V. INTERNSHIP
The internship is defined as the process and product that result from the application in a workplace environment of the strategic, instructional, organizational and contextual leadership guidelines. When coupled with integrating experiences through related clinics or report seminars, the outcome should be a powerful synthesis of knowledge and skills useful to practicing school leaders.

The internship includes a variety of substantial concurrent or capstone experiences in diverse settings planned and guided cooperatively by university and school district personnel for credit hours and conducted in schools and school districts over an expanded period of time. The experiences should reflect increasing complexity and responsibility, and include some work in private, community, or social service organizations. An optimum internship would be a year-long, full time experience. Part time internships involving limited periods of time are insufficient. Participating school districts should be committed to the value of internships and supportive of the Guidelines for the internship.

VA. Internship – The internship provides significant opportunities in the workplace to synthesize and apply the knowledge, and to practice and develop skills, identified in the eleven Guideline areas. Therefore, the preparation program:

V.A.1 Requires a variety of substantial in-school/district experiences over an extended period of time in diverse settings, planned cooperatively and supervised by university and school district personnel.

V.A.2 Establishes relationships with school leaders acting as trained mentors/clinical professors who guide individuals preparing for school leadership in appropriate in-school/district experiences.

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PA students should apply online to the Pennsylvania Department of Education at www.pde.state.pa.us and then click on PA Certification left menu bar, click on Administrative/Supervisory, then click on Superintendent’s Letter of Eligibility.

Note: PA students must take and pass the PA state SSA 6021 test prior to applying for Letter of Eligibility.

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- Practical exercises in course | A-bRP  
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CS |
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| Corollary 5E | Knows federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies that define parameters for the education, health, and welfare of all children | Demonstrates knowledge of the law | - Scenario response  
- Practical exercises in course | A-bRP  
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| Corollary 6A | Understands the research on effective professional development | Demonstrates how to use professional development as a way to increase individual and institutional capability | - Practical exercises in course  
- Internship under mentorship of Superintendent | A-bRP  
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- Scenarios and simulations | CP  
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COURSE-RELATED FIELD EXPERIENCES
SUPERINTENDENT PROGRAM

These examples of field experiences, practical, problem based tasks, and hands-on skill building assignments are offered to reinforce the belief that learning is enhanced when theory and practice are linked. This list is not intended to be complete.

Instructors are encouraged to identify other experiences as appropriate to content area and course of study. The suggestions are useful in identifying tasks or projects for completion during the internship and as a source of artifacts for the exit portfolio.

EAD 900: SUPERINTENDENCY – STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

1. Identify available evaluation/assessment instruments to be used in assisting the board of education to do a self-study or evaluation.
2. Attend board meetings to study interactions of board members, board-superintendent, board-visitors, and superintendent-visitors. Prepare a short paper describing your perception of existing relationships.
3. Assist the superintendent in the preparation of board meeting agenda and related materials as needed.
4. Prepare a brochure to be distributed to visitors at official meetings explaining the role of the board of education, procedures related to meetings and community participation.
5. Complete a review of the existing district policy manual, identify needs, suggest revisions, and make recommendations for the superintendent and board approval.
6. Under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, identify areas of needed policy statements, research and prepare a draft of recommended policy for the superintendent and board consideration.
7. Prepare and make a presentation to community groups on an issue in the district or a pertinent topic of choice.
8. Prepare a news release on a topic of general interest to be disseminated to news media.
9. Prepare a brochure describing the school district which would be useful in recruiting new personnel or for distribution to newcomers to the community.
10. Conduct a community survey of attitudes toward the school district and its programs.
11. Participate in development of district strategic plans.
12. Observe district networking activities including: vocational-technical schools, intermediate units, and other agencies. Complete a written description of the districts networking efforts.
1. Participate as a team member in the simulation titled XYZ Annual School Budget. Appropriate for students who have not participated in a similar project in the Principal Program-School Finance and Fiscal Affairs.

2. Using the current budget of your employing school district, identify total cost related to all personnel employed by the school district. (Salaries, fringe benefits, etc.)

3. Using data from the personnel cost study (2 above), calculate the average annual salaries and fringe benefits for each class of employee, including teachers, administrators, custodial/maintenance, secretarial, etc.

4. Reviewing the current budget in your school district, calculate total cost for selected school programs, e.g. athletics, music, mathematics, language arts, social sciences, home economics, industrial arts, etc. Compare at least three.

5. Under the direction of the Superintendent or Business Officer, collect and tabulate data needed for budget preparation.

6. Assist in the completing of an inventory of equipment, supplies, textbooks, and other instructional materials useful in identifying budgetary needs.

7. Assist in the preparation of specifications and identify possible suppliers to facilitate the required bidding process.

8. Assist the business officer in the development of cash flow reports and identify short and long term revenues and expenditures.

9. Provide a report describing the school district’s technology for financial operations (payroll, accounts payable, budget reports, etc.)

10. Explore the district’s investment program. If one exists, prepare a brief description.

11. In cooperation with the Superintendent of Schools, develop a budget calendar identifying specific activities and critical dates for the school board, superintendent, principals, department heads, business manager and others as appropriate. Attend board budget planning meetings, if possible.

12. Participate in a team problem-based learning project to develop a technology plan for a selected school district. Additional materials and guidance will be provided by the instructor.

13. Accompany the superintendent and/or business manager to intermediate unit meetings, school business officials meetings, and seminars to become aware of regulations, issues, and trends in financial management.
EAD 902: SCHOOL PHYSICAL PLANT, STRATEGIC PLANNING: ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

1. If the district is involved in new construction or renovation, attend planning meetings, project financing sessions, job conferences, and other activities related to the building project.
2. Perform building inspections to determine needed repairs and/or maintenance projects to be completed by staff or outside contractors.
3. After identifying appropriate assessment evaluation instruments, prepare a report describing status of existing facilities to be shared with the board of education and the Superintendent of Schools. Identify the instruments and process used in written report.
4. Review the district’s insurance program and determine adequacy of coverage in relation to replacement value of buildings and equipment.
5. Complete a demographic study of your school district as a regular assignment for the course. Directions will be provided during class time.
6. Review the use of technology in the instructional program.
7. Analyze the use of data in various sectors of the district operation.
8. Complete a data project designated by and under the direction of the superintendent-mentor.
EAD 903: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING and HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1. Review district procedures for recruitment, selections, and evaluation of a professional and non-instructional staff and recommend revisions if needed.

2. The business manager in your school district has recently announced plans to retire at the end of the school year. In conjunction with the Superintendent of Schools and other appropriate personnel, prepare and advertisement for publication in area newspapers and professional journals announcing the vacancy. Your submitted project shall include the advertisement, a description of the process used in preparation of the advertisement, and list of others who contributed to its development.

3. Write a job description for your school district that may be needed but does not exist.

4. Complete an analysis of job descriptions of personnel employed in the business operations of your school district. Are there necessary tasks or responsibilities that are not assigned to anyone? If so, revise necessary job descriptions to accommodate them. This assignment will require research regarding effective school business operations.

5. Complete an analysis of job descriptions for any sub-group of employees, for example, custodial-maintenance, secretarial, administrative, etc. Are there necessary tasks or responsibilities that are not assigned to anyone? If so, revise necessary descriptions to accommodate them. Complete any needed research relative to duties related to the selected sub-group.

6. Your task is to obtain copies of job descriptions for persons assigned to the business operations of the school district in which you are employed. Compare these against competencies discussed in class. Prepare recommended revisions as needed.

7. Review existing professional and support personnel collective bargaining agreements and identify provisions which influence the performance of administrative duties.

8. Participate in planning of staff development efforts.

9. Participate as a team in the completion of a problem-based activity titled, “Selection of a Middle School Principal.” Directions and related materials will be distributed by the instructor.

10. If appropriate, assist the superintendent or school business official in preparation for collective bargaining.

11. If appropriate, assist the superintendent or school business official with a counter-proposal for negotiations with the certified and/or non-certified staff.

EAD 970: TOPICS IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

1. This course is designed to provide a broad range of experience for the aspiring superintendent.

2. Class format will include a self-assessment of candidate’s needs, research, writing, and class presentations.

3. Research topics or related field projects and studies will be identified at the first class session. Students wills elect priority topics with instructor approval.
A holder of the letter of eligibility for school superintendent may serve as an IU director detailed in CSPG 96 under certificate assignment. If the candidate wishes to obtain an IU director certificate, then he/she must complete an IU director program to become certified meeting all program requirements.
OTHER RELATED FIELD EXPERIENCES

1. Initiate development of a professional portfolio or up-date an existing portfolio. (Required)
2. Complete a self-assessment of personal professional needs based on Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Letter of Eligibility Standards or ISLLC Standards on superintendent competencies.
3. Examine the school’s procedures for selecting and assigning students into remedial or advanced courses.
4. Under the direction of a mentoring Superintendent, establish an ethics committee consisting of administrators, parents, teachers, and students to assess and examine the district’s and/or school ethical practices.
5. Prepare a presentation to the faculty on ethics, including sharing educator’s professional code of conduct. Lead discussion related to ethical practices and identify possible ethical conflicts.
6. Create your personal educational platform, which include your personal values and beliefs and explain how the school or district you lead will function in an ethical manner.
7. Examine the school district’s practices related to the sharing of confidential information.
8. If none exists, create a conflict resolution program for teachers and/or students.
9. Select one or two books that will help expand your knowledge based on topics related to PIL or ISLLC standards.
The purpose of this partnership between Westminster College and the designated school district is to collaboratively prepare school leaders within the spirit of the mission statement of the Educational Leadership Program. The particular emphasis of the collaboration is the improvement of student achievement. The College and the School District will collaborate in:

- Candidate Selection
- Program Curriculum
- Field Experiences

* Internships
* Candidate evaluation
* Post-certification support

**School District Responsibilities**
- Select qualified candidates
- Provide qualified mentors
- Enable field experience/internship
- Assist with district-specific activities
- Provide feedback
- Support, supervise, assess
- Ensure year-long 360 hour experience

**College Responsibilities**
- * Admit qualified candidates
- * Train mentors
- * Provide college liaison
- * Facilitate internship design
- * Provide feedback
- * Support, supervise, and assess
- * Ensure year-long 360 hour experience
- * Coordinate mentor/liaison/student meeting

This is not a legal document but rather an understanding of cooperation.

**Westminster College**

______________________________
College Representative Signature

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College Representative Name and Title

______________________________
Date

**School District**

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District Representative Signature

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District Representative Name and Title

______________________________
Date

Note 1: School District mentors who supervise a principle candidate must have a minimum of three years of service as a principal.

Note 2: A School District mentor who supervises a superintendent candidate must have a minimum of three years of service as a superintendent.

Note 3: Agreement valid for one school year.

12/2016
EAD 990 Internship: Superintendent Application

Name: ___________________________  School District: _______________________

Home Address: ____________________  Position: _____________________________

________________________________  Address: _____________________________

Phone: ___________________________  Phone: _____________________________

Cell: _____________________________

Email: ___________________________  Date: _____________________________

Course Completed: EAD 900
EAD 901
EAD 902
EAD 903
EAD 970

Signatures

A) _______________________________ ___________________________
   Intern’s Signature               Date

B) _______________________________ ___________________________
   Mentor’s Signature              Date

________________________________
   Name/Title of Mentor

School District: _______________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

Office Phone: ____________  Email: ________________________________

________________________________  _______________________
   College Supervisor’s Approval   Date
A minimum of 180 hours is required for completion of the Superintendency internship. I certify that the above listed field experiences and hours have been completed.

Student’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________

Mentor’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________
Appendices
PORTFOLIO
DOCUMENTATION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Introduction
The use of portfolios is seen by many educators as an authentic method to document personal growth and professional development of students and teachers. The success of this practice has been widely documented. The Graduate Program at Westminster College believes the portfolio can be a useful tool in the assessment of those pursuing administrative certification. When used in conjunction with the comprehensive examination and exit interview, a more accurate picture of the student emerges.

The portfolio is a documented history of the graduate students or aspiring school leader’s progress against a set of standards. It provides a clear assessment of an individual’s performance in the Educational Leadership Program. In addition, the portfolio provides an individualized portrait of the student as a professional. The portfolio can benefit both the faculty and the student in assessing one’s progress toward an administrative certification and a career as a school leader.

Advantages
For the graduate faculty, the portfolio serves as:
   a. An authentic assessment and documentation of experiences
   b. A summative record of a student’s performance over time
   c. A monitoring instrument identifying personal needs of the student
   d. A vehicle to facilitate development of positive faculty-student relationship

For the graduate student, the portfolio serves as:
   a. An opportunity for self-evaluation
   b. An opportunity for reflection of one’s philosophy and practice
   c. A collection of artifacts which will be used for assessment
   d. A resource file for future job searches

Portfolio Requirements
1. Each student admitted to the Educational Leadership Program will begin development of a portfolio which will be periodically monitored.
2. A final review of the portfolio by the graduate faculty will be completed prior to approval for graduation or recommendation for administrative certification in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the State of Ohio.
3. The student will be responsible for the collection of artifacts for inclusion into the portfolio. An artifact is defined as any evidence used to document how standards are met. In addition, a student may include materials deemed to be useful in appraising a student’s growth as a graduate student or aspiring school administrator.
**Portfolio Artifacts**

Artifacts are part of a collection of professional documents that help inform others about the individual. The following artifacts are required for all portfolios:

- A current professional resume
- Credentials
- Transcripts
- Educational Platform – an individual’s personal beliefs in specific areas. Sergiovanni and Staratt recommend the following consideration:
  - Aims of education
  - Social significance of learning
  - Curriculum value
  - Image of learners
  - Image of teachers
  - Preferred pedagogy
  - Preferred student-teacher relationships
  - Preferred school climate
  - Administrative goals
  - Preferred administrative processes

- Professional development plan as identified for use during the internship
- Documented field experiences, simulations, and projects

Other self-selected artifacts are recommended:
- Letters of recommendation or references
- Awards or honors
- Lists of professional accomplishments
- Work samples
- Research samples
- Exemplary projects
- Communication samples
- Personal writing or reflection
- Committee participation, curriculum or program design, etc.
- Professional memberships

**Advisory Comment**

Be cautious in attempting to include too much material in a portfolio. The lack of experience or growth will be evident to the reviewer. Avoid the trivial. The inclusion of questionable material may detract from a professional and useful portfolio.

“The thoughtful reflection, not a color printer, is the key to portfolio success.”

READING LIST


**Additional Readings**
