# naesp™ | Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy®

**Excelling Innovation in Leadership of Pre-K-3 Learning Communities**



## Cohort Application
### Deadline: April 1, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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**National Association of Elementary School Principals**
*Serving all elementary and middle-level principals*

# NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy®

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP™) Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® is a program designed to promote and build the capacity of national principals, teacher leaders, and directors to lead Pre-K-3 communities.

## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP™) provides high-quality professional learning and a resource program to meet the needs of elementary principals, teacher leaders, and Pre-K program directors serving children from age three to eight or Pre-K-Grade 3. The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® will advance the following two key initiative areas:

1) Provide a cohort of principals/teacher leaders/directors access to a year-long virtual training program (101 and 201 level coursework with associated lessons), the NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy®, a multifaceted and highly engaging blended professional learning curriculum and coursework aligned to the research and foundational competency publication: *Leading Learning Communities: A Principal's Guide to Early Learning and the Early Grades (Pre-K–3rd Grade).*

2) Establish the NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® and a community of practice that will be supported by three in person and/or virtual full-day education leadership programming and learning sessions to help principals and directors take theory, learning and content into practice. Participants will follow a series of blended coursework and create a Capstone Project aimed at improving practice in their schools and programs as well as demonstrate mastery of deeper-level content.

Together, these two key initiative areas will provide high-quality, job-embedded professional learning to support a cohort of principals/directors that will improve their instructional leadership skills in Pre-K-3 education. All content and focus of the learning will be aligned to NAESP™'s foundational competency guide, *Leading Learning Communities: A Principal's Guide to Early Learning and the Early Grades (Pre-K–3rd Grade).*

## Evaluation

The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® will offer multiple methods for program participates to assess their learning. Initially, participants will complete an assessment of their current skills and practices. Then cohort participants will assess their knowledge and application of each competency in the *Leading Learning Communities: A Principal's Guide to Early Learning and the Early Grades (Pre-K–3rd Grade).* Program participants and advisors will also complete surveys following each in-person meeting and complete a final program evaluation noting the effectiveness of the NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® on their school, level of leadership and professional growth. Upon completion of the blended program coursework, advisors will guide participants through the development and implementation of a culminating Capstone Project focused specifically on each participant's unique experiences and application of learning. The final in-person Capstone Project sharing meeting will be the culminating activity and add lasting value to the professional growth of each program participant.

# NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy®

## Cohort Application Form
(Please type, word process, or print clearly)

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**Name**  Prefix              First                    Middle Initial                    Last                    Suffix

## ~ Contact Information – Home ~

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**Home Address**    Street                    City                    State                    Zip

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**Home Phone**   (Include Area Code)                    **Home E-Mail**

## ~ Contact Information – School/System ~

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**School Name (if central office, type "Central Office")**         **School System Name**

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**Street**                            **City**               **State**              **Zip**

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**Work Phone** (Include Area Code)              **Emergency Phone** (Include Area Code)              **Work E-Mail**

## ~ Professional Information ~

**Professional Experience** (List by most recent)

Position                    Name and Location of School                    Dates
_____    _____    _____
_____    _____    _____
_____    _____    _____

Total Number of Years as an Administrator_____    Total Number of Years in Current Position/School _____

**Professional Preparation**   (List by most recent)

Degree                    Name and Location of Institution                    Dates
_____    _____    _____
_____    _____    _____
_____    _____    _____

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**Pre-K Program Application Demographic Information**

School Type: _____Rural     _____Urban     _____Suburban

School Description: _____Preschool     _____Pre-Kindergarten     _____Early Learning Center     _____Elementary     _____Other

Grade Levels: _____

Total Student Enrollment: _____

_____% African American     _____% White     _____% Hispanic     _____% Other

Percentage Free & Reduced Lunch: _____

#Administrators: _____

#Certified Teachers: _____

#Non-Certified/Support Staff: _____

## ~ Professional Activities, Awards, and Honors ~

| Name of Professional Association/Organization | Offices Held / Awards Received | Dates |
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## ~ Service To The Community ~

| Name of Community Association/Organization | Offices Held / Awards Received | Dates |
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## ~ THREE MOST SIGNIFICANT ADMINISTRATOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ~

1)

2)

3)

Please submit completed applications to: NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® at pd@clasleaders.org or via facsimile to (334) 265-3611.

## TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR



## Letter of Reference

Name of Applicant:_____

Each applicant is required to secure a letter of reference from an immediate supervisor.

**To the Applicant's Reference:**

The NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® selection team appreciates your help in assessing this applicant's skills, knowledge, and potential in the area of leadership. Please base your comments on the Applicant's professional performance. Limit your comments to one 8 ½ x 11" page, using at least 12 pt. type. If you prefer, your letter of reference may be submitted directly to: NAESP Pre-K-3 Leadership Academy® at pd@clasleaders.org or via facsimile to (334) 265-3611.

**Please print or type:**

_____
Printed Name of Reference                                                          Title

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Company/Institution

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Address

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City                                          State                              Zip

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Phone (including area code)         Fax (including area code)         E-Mail Address

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Signature of Reference                                        Date

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