

# Exploring Leadership Year



Resident Educators who have successfully passed the RESA in year 3 require one additional year in the program to participate in the Exploring Leadership Year activities. As determined locally, Resident Educators who require more than one year to successfully pass the RESA may not need to participate in the activities of the Exploring Leadership year to complete the four years of the program.

An online module titled [Learn to Lead](#) is available to engage Resident Educators in exploring and thinking about leadership. Additional suggestions for teacher leadership opportunities include, but are not limited to, the list below:

## **Deepening Content Expertise**

- Create and teach an interdisciplinary unit.
- Assume and document a leadership role in a department team, teacher-based team, or data team.
- Model instruction for year 1 or 2 Resident EducatorsExplore National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Take One.

## **Collegial Professional Explorations**

- Organize and participate in a lesson study with at least one colleague.
- Organize and conduct a professional book study with at least one colleague.
- Co-teach with a Year 1 or 2 Resident Educator.
- Meet with their Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) to learn about the expectations and responsibilities of professional licensure, learn about the processes and requirements of the LPDC, and consider the professional goals they will establish for their Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP).

## **Teacher Leadership**

- Lead a school academic initiative (e.g. day to celebrate famous people or events).
- Lead a school initiative to engage the community (e.g. celebrate local veterans, collect contributions for charity, organize visits to community centers).
- Organize or assist in a student academic competition at the school or district level.
- Organize and facilitate a special day to engage families and caregivers in student learning opportunities.
- Assist a state-trained Mentor in supporting a Resident Educator cohort.
- Explore the process for National Board for the Professional Teaching Standards certification.
- Serve as a peer observer.