

Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals

# PATH *to* LEADERSHIP



## FROM AD TO AP

### Earn Your K-12 Administrator Certification!

Seven years ago, MASSP launched an alternative path to administrator certification program that provides educators with the opportunity to earn a K-12 administrator certificate in an online program in one year's time at one-third the cost of most University master's programs. Feedback on the Path to Leadership program by participants has been overwhelmingly positive and to date 690 educators have completed the program and 300 are actively enrolled. We are currently accepting applications for Cohort 49. Each module is facilitated by an experienced administrator and the content is both relevant and engaging. The Path to Leadership program is based on the Administrator Standards for the State of Michigan and follows the same requirements as University Education Leadership programs so those who complete are able to earn their State of Michigan K-12 Administrator Certificate.

If you are an Athletic Administrator who does not have your administrator certificate the Path to Leadership program is the ideal way to earn it. You do not need to have a teaching certificate or a degree in education to qualify for the program. The law allows districts to hire an administrator without a K-12 administrator certificate and upon being hired the employee has six months to enroll in a program and three years to complete it. For those who already have a master's degree the time and expense of earning a second masters is often not appealing – this is where Path to Leadership is again the perfect option. MASSP will evaluate transcripts and consider relevant leadership as part of the application process. For those interested in AP/AD positions in the future having your K-12 administrator certificate will afford you this opportunity.

Over the course of the last seven years a number of applicants have indicated the cost of the program is challenging as financial aid is not available and others have indicated that work/life demands are also prohibitive to pursuing an administrator certificate. To address these concerns, MASSP will be offering a special two-year cohort opportunity just for athletic administrators. The two-year format will allow the expense and the coursework to be spread-out in a more budget and time friendly schedule specifically for ADs. In some cases, districts may offer reimbursement for the coursework. A cohort for the Path to Leadership program is generally capped at 35, those interested should get their applications in as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

The MASSP website Path to Leadership Page contains complete details about cohort costs, candidate qualifications, module descriptions and testimonials from those who have completed the program: <https://massp.com/PTL>

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