



Principal Residency Network

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Principal Residency Network: FAQ's

- What is Principal Residency Network (PRN)? The Principal Residency Network, or “PRN,” has been developing visionary school leaders since 1998 and has graduated over 200 successful Principals in Boston, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont. Many PRN graduates are leading some of the most innovative and successful schools in urban, suburban and rural areas.
- Where did the program originate? PRN started at the Big Picture Company in Providence, RI and was largely designed by nationally known educational reformer Dr. Dennis Littky. The Big Picture Company was the recipient of a Wallace Foundation Leadership Grant that allowed for the careful design of a research-based experiential Educational Leadership Program.
- What makes PRN different from classroom-based and online programs? PRN is based upon a full-year of running a school as an Aspiring Principal under the daily guidance of a proven Mentor Principal. Monthly cohort meetings, workshops and individualized Learning Plans result in a competency-based portfolio. This portfolio captures evidence and regular reflection of how Aspiring Principals have learned to become visionary leaders through experience and reflection in a schoolhouse setting.
- What are the philosophical foundations of PRN? We believe that to be an effective principal one must view the role of a principal through Moral Courage, Moving the Vision, Curricula Leadership, Developing Healthy Personal and Community Relationships, Managing through flexibility. How one achieves competencies in these areas will differ from person-to-person and school-to-school – we are genuinely THE personalized principal program.
- How do I know if PRN is the right program for me? If you believe you can do a better job than many current school leaders, if friends and colleagues are consistently telling you to become a school leader, or if you have a vision of the way “your” school would look, it may be time to talk with a PRN staff member to explore this potential. Leadership is not for everyone and the challenges and high standards of PRN are not for everyone. PRN is for the exceptional aspiring leader.
- What can I expect when I complete the program? PRN leaders are different. Creating and moving a vision and making decisions through a lens of moral courage allow our graduates to guide their school community through myriad complexities by focusing on what is best for children. Many of our graduates are positive colleagues working collaboratively in large and small districts helping to guide some quite extraordinary schools. You will continue to benefit from being a member of a network of talented and visionary school leaders who regularly share innovative ideas and resources.
- If PRN sounds right for me, what do I do next? You would fill out our online form or mail us the card within your packet and we will put you in contact with the closest College or University with whom we are partnered.

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PRN inspires visionary leaders who shape innovative and personalized schools.