

Lehigh University

College of Education

Superintendent Letter of Eligibility Program Planning Sheet

The Superintendent Letter of Eligibility (SLE) program is designed to develop the leadership abilities of district-level leaders in public education. Through a combination of coursework and a structured apprenticeship, it integrates theoretical and applied aspects of educational leadership, emphasizing the knowledge and skills needed to lead effectively. The SLE program can be completed as part of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership or on its own.

Lehigh's SLE program satisfies the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requirement of completion of a Pennsylvania-approved, graduate-level superintendent certification program that includes an internship/practicum. PDE also requires that a candidate have completed six years of satisfactory school experience, of which at least three must be in a supervisory or administrative capacity; must be a United States citizen; and pass a certification test prior to review of application. Please review the full certification and testing requirements on the [PDE website](http://education.pa.gov) (education.pa.gov).

Program Requirements – For Students with Principal Certification*

COURSES PLANNED	Program Requirements <i>(All courses are 3 credits, except where noted)</i>
	EDL422 Curriculum Management for the School Executive
	EDL425 Leading and Managing Change
	EDL 426 Intro to Relational Leadership: Theory and Practice
	EDL436 School District Governance: Planning, Policy, Ethics & Law
	EDL437 School District Resource Management
	EDL488 Program Evaluation
	Apprenticeship - 7 credits <i>(Completed after requirements above)</i>
	EDL485 The Superintendency - Summer
	EDL408 Central Office Internship I - Fall (2 credits)
	EDL409 Central Office Internship II - Spring (2 credits)

*Individuals who have not completed a principal certification program will also need to complete additional coursework, which depending on their prior experiences may include the following: EDL400 Organizational Leadership and Change Management, EDL421 Instructional Leadership, EDL423 Leading Inclusive Learning Environments EDL479 School Law & Ethics, EDL420 Data Based Decision Making, EDUC471 Diversity and Multicultural Issues.

If you are pursuing a degree and would like to add the Superintendent letter to your enrollment, please reach out to your advisor and program coordinator for enrollment paperwork.

Course Scheduling

Course#	Title	Offering
EDL 488	Program Evaluation	Even-Spring
EDL 422	Curriculum Management for the School Executive	Even-Summer
EDL 426	Intro to Relational Leadership: Theory and Practice	Even- Fall
EDL 425	Leading and Managing Change	Odd-Fall
EDL 436	School District Governance: Planning, Policy, Ethics and Law	Odd-Spring
EDL 437	School District Resource Management	Odd-Summer
EDL 485	The Superintendency	Summer
EDL 408	Central Office Internship I	Fall
EDL 409	Central Office Internship II	Spring

Note: Even/Odd refer to the academic year (i.e., 2026=Even; 2027=Odd)