

## Become an Inaugural Stanford Early Childhood Education Leadership Fellow

### THIRD GRADE PROFICIENCY STARTS IN PRESCHOOL

Students' achievement in third grade depends on the social and academic foundation laid in early childhood.

Join the first cohort of California elementary school principals and their supervisors to learn how to ensure young children's strong and long-lasting foundation for future learning and academic success.



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program is designed for teams of district principals and their leaders to learn about topics such as:

- Developmentally-appropriate and playful instruction, with a focus on multiple language learners
- Curriculum and assessments
- Classroom management; minimizing and addressing behavioral challenges
- Engaging families as partners
- Organization/structures/policies to ensure effective instruction

### FOR PRINCIPALS

- Understand what developmentally appropriate and effective instruction looks like in preschool, TK, & kindergarten, for *all* children
- Support preschool, TK, and kindergarten teachers

### FOR PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORS

- Understand how to prevent fade out and build coherence across the early grades with full implementation of Transitional Kindergarten Fall 2025
- Support principals in their roles as instructional leaders
- Receive personalized coaching support from Institute Staff during the 25-26 school year

### DESIGNED FOR DISTRICT TEAMS

- Districts apply with a team of 2-5 elementary principals and one principal supervisor
- Participation preference will be given to districts with ADA between 2,000 and 20,000 students serving a majority of unduplicated students.
- Participants will be designated as Stanford Early Childhood Education Leadership Fellows and receive a certificate of completion.

### DATES AND COST

This program includes both in person and virtual sessions over a one year period.

- July 21 and 22, 2025, at Stanford University
- 4 virtual sessions throughout 2025-2026. Dates and times to be scheduled.

Through the generous support from philanthropic donations, this program will be available **at no cost to participants**. Please note that districts will be responsible for travel costs.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2025, [District Application Form](#)**  
Contact [stipek@stanford.edu](mailto:stipek@stanford.edu) if you have questions.