



AR Leader Excellence and Development System (LEADS) Glossary

Advocate - someone who speaks or acts on behalf of another person or group to influence public policy and resource allocation decisions within political, economic, and social systems and institutions

Collaborative - joint, two-way, mutual, shared communication between stakeholders

Consistently - regularity, free from variation or contradiction

Differentiated Instruction - teaching theory based on the premise that instructional approaches should vary and be adapted in relation to individual and diverse students in classrooms

Disposition of Care - prevailing tendency of concern for others

Efficacy - the ability, capacity, power to produce a desired effect

Emotional Intelligence - describes the ability, capacity, or skill to identify, assess, and manage the emotions of one's self, of others, and of groups

Equitable - dealing fairly and equally with all concerned

Ethical Reasoning - a process by which actions/decisions are analyzed via the lenses of empathy, individual rights, equity, professional obligations, utility, and legality

Facilitates - to make easier, help bring about

Fidelity - implementation is followed precisely and as intended

Formative Assessment - drives instruction through interim assessments

Horizontal Alignment - the degree to which an assessment matches the corresponding content standards for a subject area at a particular grade level

Interventions - strategies to increase, improve, and/or enhance student performance

Learning Community - a group of people who are actively engaged in learning together and from each other



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Minimal - least, smallest, nominal

Occasional - acting in a specified capacity from time to time

Professional Learning Communities - describes a collegial group of administrators and school staff who are united in their commitment to student learning

Reflective Practice - paying critical attention to previous actions to determine their effectiveness

Social Justice - the concept that suggests equality and possession of basic human rights

Stakeholder - a person, group, or organization that affects or can be affected by a school's actions

Summative Assessment - comprehensive measurement of attainment of standards

Sustainability - able to maintain

Systematic - methodical, orderly, organized, logical, efficient

Systematically - methods/routines in place to monitor at scheduled increments

Systemically - refers to something that is spread throughout, system-wide, affecting a group or system such as a body, economy, market or society as a whole

Technology Integration - the infusion of technology as a tool to enhance the learning in a content area or multidisciplinary setting

Vertical Alignment - the curriculum configuration developed to build upon prior learning to reach a specified goal



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