



2021 NCSM Summer Leadership Academy

Justification Information

Mathematics Leadership professional learning is essential for the growth and development of leaders to reach their professional goals. NCSM’s bold leadership in the mathematics education community develops vision, ensures support, and guarantees that all students engage in equitable, high-quality mathematical experiences that lead to powerful, flexible uses of mathematical understanding to affect their lives and to improve the world.

The 2021 NCSM Summer Leadership Academy is an opportunity for leaders to expand their professional learning networks. The learning experiences also provide focused content and support for leaders to develop a strategic plan personalized to their vision for mathematics instruction and coaching. Mathematics leaders will leave this Academy equipped to develop a shared vision for mathematics instruction, implement high leverage teaching strategies, develop coaching structures, and monitor student learning for ALL students through an equity lens.

Why Attend

NCSM Summer Leadership Academy provides leaders with an opportunity to expand their BOLD leadership and mathematics coaching skills. Leaders attend this conference to—

- Understand the Framework for Leadership in Mathematics;
- Examine instructional and structural practices with an equity lens;
- Gain insights by connecting and sharing with like-minded mathematics leaders; and,
- Learn from thought leaders on current mathematics leadership trends and promising practices.

Academy Focus

The NCSM Summer Leadership Academy will focus on the following essential questions:

How will we ensure equitable practices through instructional leadership and coaching in order to improve student access and achievement in mathematics?

- **For students** – How will we **Advocate** for equitable practices to increase student access and achievement for each and every learner?
- **For teachers** – How will we **Empower** teachers to leverage a shared vision focused on equity for mathematics instruction and build collective efficacy with content and pedagogical knowledge?
- **For leaders** – How will we **Design**, implement, and **Monitor** structures to ensure equitable practices at the classroom, school, and systemic levels through instructional leadership and coaching?
- **For All** – How do we challenge unproductive beliefs in order to strengthen student identities and improve student outcomes?

Who Should Attend

The NCSM Summer Leadership Academy is designed for PK-16 mathematics education leaders. Leaders may register as individuals or may attend as a team. The Academy is designed to support teacher leaders, coaches, department chairs, administrators and supervisors.

Academy Resources

Registration includes the following resources:

- NCSM Essential Actions: Framework for Leadership in Mathematics Education
- A pdf of the materials for the three days of learning
- An interactive agenda with links to all the resources after the event

Justification Letter

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Dear Mathematics Leader,

We have prepared the following letter to assist you in garnering support from your principal or district leader to attend the NCSM Summer Leadership Academy. Feel free to customize the document to help “make the case” for your attendance.

Dear <Colleague>,

At the NCSM Summer Leadership Academy, mathematics leaders at all levels will be brought together to enhance their professional skills, knowledge, and careers. I would like to attend this virtual professional learning event, which is scheduled Monday June 28- Wednesday June 30, 2021 to learn with other mathematics leaders and national thought leaders.

To meet my professional development goals, I am seeking approval for the registration fee. The virtual conference registration will cost _____.

My participation in this program will complement our school’s objectives, and I plan to return with resources to share what I’ve learned with my peers, and to give our students the tools they need to succeed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

<Your Full Name>