

Ohio Standards for Principals

Standard 1

Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.

- Principals lead the process of setting, monitoring and achieving specific and challenging goals that reflect high expectations for all students and staff.
- Principals lead the change process for continuous improvement.
- Principals anticipate, monitor and respond to educational developments that affect school issues and environment.

Standard 2

Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.

- Principals promote a collaborative learning culture.
- Principals share leadership with staff, students, parents and community members.
- Principals develop and sustain leadership.

Standard 3

Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.

- Principals ensure that the instructional content that is taught is aligned with the Ohio academic content standards and curriculum priorities in the school and district.
- Principals ensure instructional practices are effective and meet the needs of all students.
- Principals advocate for high levels of learning for all students, including students identified as gifted, students with disabilities and at-risk students.

Standard 4

Principals engage parents and community members in the educational process and create an environment where community resources support student learning, achievement and well being.

- Principals use community resources to improve student learning.
- Principals involve parents and community members in improving student learning.
- Principals connect the school with the community.
- Principals establish expectations for the use of culturally-responsive practices, which acknowledge and value diversity.

Standard 5

Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.

- Principals establish and maintain a safe school environment.
- Principals create a nurturing learning environment that addresses the physical and mental health needs of all.
- Principals allocate resources, including technology, to support student and staff learning.
- Principals institute procedures and practices to support staff and students and establish an environment that is conducive to learning.
- Principals understand, uphold and model professional ethics, policies and legal codes of professional conduct.

