

Connecting Leaders. Transforming Education.

THE 2024-2025 GUIDE TO MEMBERSHIP



 **EdLeader21**
A Network of **Battelle**forKids

Don't Just Join a Network, Join a Movement

At the heart of the EdLeader21 Network are individuals like you – passionate educators, dedicated leaders, and tireless advocates who understand that education is more than just a process; it's a pathway to a brighter future for our students and our society.

EdLeader21 members are united by a common mission – a movement – to equip our students with the durable skills, knowledge, and mindsets they need to thrive in an ever-evolving world. This means not just preparing them for college or a career, but empowering them to become adaptable, resilient, and compassionate individuals who can navigate life's challenges with confidence.

Together, we are leading this movement to reimagine education from the ground up, creating deeper learning experiences that are relevant, engaging, and meaningful, so that every student can reach their full potential.

But we know that this work is not easy. It requires dedication, perseverance, and a willingness to challenge the status quo.

That's why being part of the EdLeader21 Network is so important. It's a community of like-minded individuals who are committed to supporting each other, sharing best practices and resources, and driving lasting change in their schools and communities.

Through the EdLeader21 Network, you will connect with educators and leaders from across the country – people who share your passion and vision for education's future. Together, we can learn from each other, inspire each other, and create a brighter tomorrow for all students.



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President & CEO,
Battelle for Kids



Amy Cashwell, Ed.D.
EdLeader21 Network Advisory Chair,
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Henrico Co. Public Schools (Va.)



The Portrait of a Graduate Network

This is the network dedicated to Portrait of a Graduate. If your district is exploring the idea, preparing for launch, or aiming to maintain transformative progress, our community stands as the sole professional group dedicated to the conception, initiation, and realization of these shared, inspirational community visions.



Ready to Join the Movement?

Is your district ready to join the nation's only professional network dedicated to Portrait of a Graduate?

Contact Jeff to discuss membership options and the benefits of membership and join us for the 2024-2025 school year.



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About Battelle for Kids

Battelle for Kids (BFK) is a national, not-for-profit organization. We help empower educators to prepare every student for tomorrow's world. We partner alongside school districts, state agencies, and strategic partners to solve the complex issues in education.

In just the past 3 years, we have meaningfully engaged with

340+ & **SIX**

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

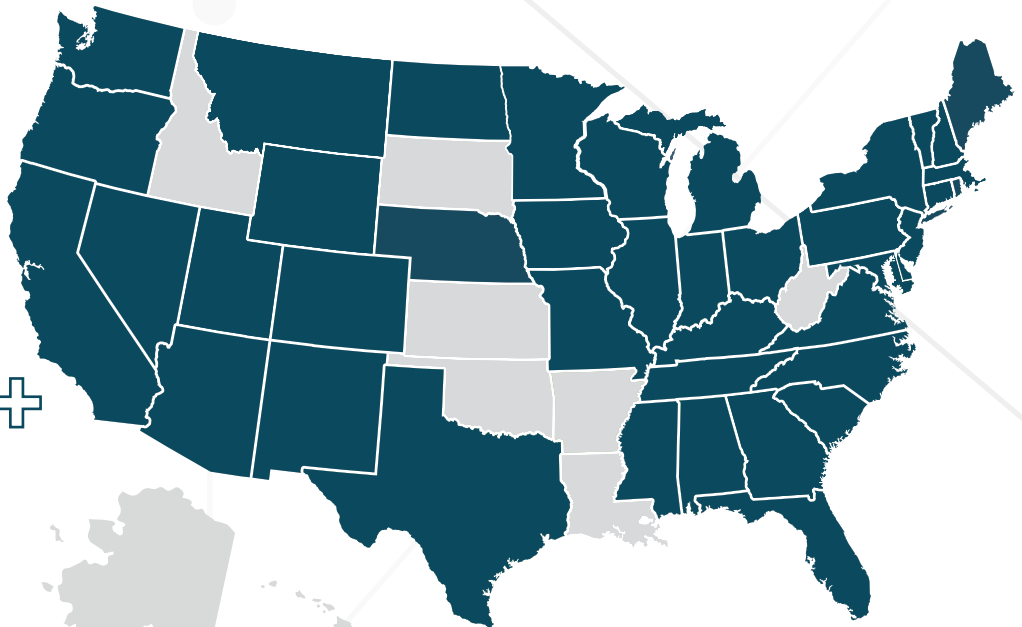
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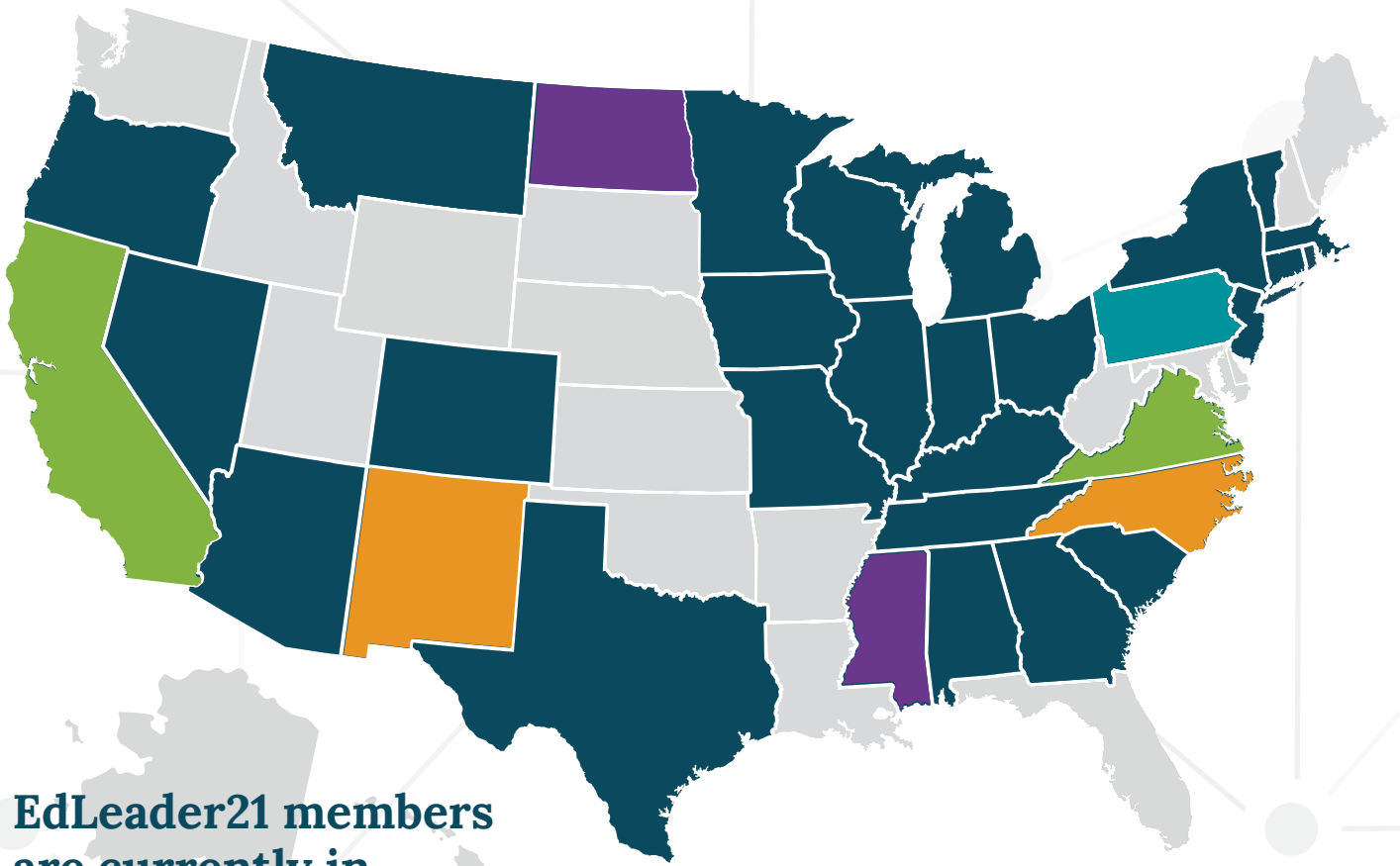
Impacting the educational experiences of

3.5
MILLION+

STUDENTS

Battellefor**Kids**





EdLeader21 members
are currently in
MORE THAN 30 STATES!



“We are incredibly thankful to be a part of the Battelle for Kids Urban District Cohort. It’s critical that students from our nation’s biggest cities and school districts have the opportunity to engage in deeper learning strategies. They are our future city leaders!”

Bob Nelson, Ed.D. | Fresno Unified School District (Calif.)

“When you have a connection in a network, there are people skilled in different areas you can go to for advice, and I think when people share the same passion, you’re just empowered. When you can partner with other people and have people from around the country that you can network with and see what’s going on, you don’t feel so alone.”

Pam Quiñones | Lovington Municipal School District (N.M.)



“This is a network which takes pride in engaging in ‘what could be’ thinking. They assist leaders and districts in reimagining education and are a partner in every sense of the word. They truly care about the districts they work with and are invested in helping them find success. Every leader and district would benefit as a member of this organization as it truly helps set forth a vision for a future which embraces putting learners at the center.”

Cory J. Steiner, Ed.D. | Northern Cass School District 97 (N.D.)



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“The power of the EdLeader21 Network allows us to collaborate and get feedback from others doing similar work. That network provides resources and different opportunities to scale this work and implement it in a way that doesn’t feel like you’re on an island doing it by yourself.”

Robyn Euker, Ed.D. | Cumberland Valley School District (Pa.)

“The network helps us not focus so much on the now. You can get really stuck in the now, the nuts and bolts of education. EdLeader21 helps us really focus on the future and how that is framed. What it looks like, what are the examples, what are the skills and practices we need to do.”

Kipp Rogers, Ph.D. | Newport News Public Schools (Va.)

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“The best part about being involved in the Urban District Cohort with Battelle for Kids has been this incredible access to resources that have been provided and that we’ve been able to use with our building leaders, our principals, our district teams, and our students.”

Tricia McManus | Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (N.C.)

“Being a member of the network has been truly transformative, and I am continually amazed by the wealth of knowledge, support, and inspiration it provides. Through this network, I have had the opportunity to connect with incredible leaders from across our great nation. These connections have not only expanded my perspective but have also provided valuable insights and advice that has shaped my approach to leadership. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a part of this network is the sense of community and camaraderie it offers. The support and encouragement I have received from fellow members has been instrumental in my leadership.”

Toriano Holloway, Ph.D. | Vicksburg Warren School District (Miss.)

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The Member Experience

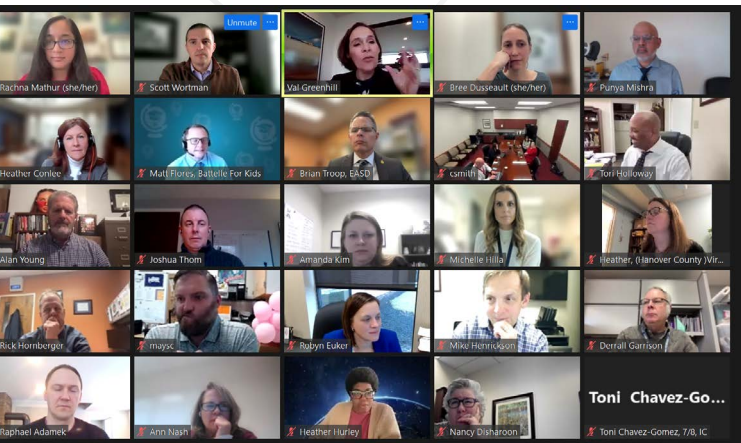
With a network that spans more than 30 states, the EdLeader21 member experience has no limits. Members enjoy access to powerful tools, resources, and professional learning curated by Battelle for Kids and the opportunity to connect with like-minded colleagues from all corners of the country on any number of topics or issues facing educators today.

School Site Visits

Network members have access to interactive site visits to EdLeader21 districts. These take place both virtually and in-person.

Actionable Tools & Resources

Through our collaboration platform and Battelle for Kids app, EdLeader21 members have access to actionable tools and resources at their fingertips. Members also receive Network News, a weekly email exclusive to the EdLeader21 Network.



Exclusive Professional Learning Events

All educators and staff in member districts are invited to participate in network experiences offered throughout the year. This includes collaborative webinars, spotlights of best practices, job-a-like virtual roundtable discussions, and expert speakers.

Urban District Cohort

The Urban District Cohort within the EdLeader21 Network is a community of large districts from across the country, serving predominantly students of color and students living in lower-income communities. Superintendents and their design teams explore deeper learning research and a systems approach to implement and scale deeper learning, convening as a cohort throughout the school year with individual district coaching sessions held in between convenings.

EdLeader21 ANNUAL EVENT

A highlight of membership is the EdLeader21 Network Annual Event, an engaging and inspiring experience exclusively for network member districts to accelerate future-ready, deeper learning for every student. It brings together innovative education leaders – like you – to build relationships, share ideas, learn from one another, and plan for the future.

“This was one of the best conferences I have ever attended. Being new to my role and new to the division, it was helpful in getting a better understanding of my division and the work they have done up to this point. Each session I attended was amazing and I was able to walk away with usable information. Can't wait to attend next year.”

—2023 Attendee



Inspiring Keynote Speakers

Plenary sessions feature thought-provoking and innovative presentations from national education leaders.

Portrait to Practice Expo

The Expo is one of the most anticipated parts of the Annual Event with member districts showcasing the impactful initiatives they are implementing to turn their district's vision into reality.

Engaging Learning Sessions

Presenters lead professional learning sessions that are engaging and impactful to sustainable and meaningful transformation efforts.

Team Building & Planning

One of the most compelling reasons to attend Annual Event is the opportunity to collaborate with your own district team members. The event features built-in “team time” to gather and plan out your next big moves.



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OCTOBER 21-23, 2024
Indianapolis

Learn More at bfk.org/AnnualEvent

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