



Practical Understanding of Teacher Leadership

As you look to grow, strengthen and empower teacher leaders, use this activity to assist teachers and administrators in understanding the characteristics of an effective teacher leader. The characteristics are aligned to the Teacher Leader Model Standards developed by the Teacher Leadership Exploratory Consortium.

• Teacher Leader Model Standards: Domain 1

Fostering a Collaborative Culture to Support Educator Development and Student Learning. The teacher leader understands the principles of adult learning and knows how to develop a collaborative culture of collective responsibility in the school. The teacher leader uses this knowledge to promote an environment of collegiately, trust, and respect that focuses on continuous improvement in instruction and student learning.

Identify and describe the characteristics of an effective collaborative culture.

Discuss how collaboration encourages educator development and student learning in your school.



Discuss the strategies that can be used to encourage collaboration among teachers and school administrators.

Identify and discuss your school's focus on continuous improvement. What processes are currently in place that encourage teachers and administrators to focus on continuously improving? Discuss how teacher leadership can assist in creating a focus on continuous improvement.

The information from this activity will be used in a corresponding activity.