SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP (ADV CERT)

15 credits
NYSED 29021/29022

This advanced certificate program is for those seeking to qualify for the New York State Education Department's School District Leader (SDL) certification. The program may also be taken as an extension program for current students and recent graduates from our educational leadership programs.

School District Leader (SDL) Certification
SDL certification is required by the New York State Education Department for anyone seeking district-level positions, such as superintendent, assistant deputy superintendent, district supervisor, etc., in a New York state public school district. Students within and outside New York state are responsible for knowing and understanding individual state SDL requirements as well as reciprocity policies.

Students must consult with their state education department as to whether or not these experiences, as well as their respective educational and professional backgrounds, are acceptable for their state certification. Candidates seeking SDL certification are responsible for determining New York State Education Department requirements for qualifying for NYS School District Leadership certification. These include (1) a total of 60 graduate credits that must include a master's degree, (2) a NYSED-approved school district leader preparation program, (3) taking and passing the two-part SDL certification exam, (4) taking and passing the Educating All Students exam, and (5) completing the NYSED mandated Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop.