

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. These include (1) completion of an NYSED-approved school district leader preparation program (e.g., Fordham SDL program), (2) institutional recommendation, (3) a total of 60 graduate credits that must include a master's degree, (4) a minimum of three years of paid, full-time administrator/pupil personnel professional/teacher experience, (5) passing the two-part New York State SDL certification exam, (6) passing the Educating All Students exam, (6) completion of the NYSED mandated Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop, (7) fingerprint clearance, and (8) permanent resident or U.S. citizenship.