



Empowering Principals as Lead Learners

Equipping more than **12,000** school leaders with the skills to prioritize and improve instruction

Strong leaders are the key to sustained student success. NIET works alongside school leaders, coaching them to prioritize effective instruction. Our specialists help school leaders to build the capacity of others through a system of continuous learning, collaboration, and data analysis. This creates a culture of high expectations and equitable opportunities. NIET also provides high-quality standards, resources, coaching, and support to help school leaders go deeper in their own learning and center on effective leadership practices.

“Once I learned about the structure of an Instructional Leadership Team from NIET, I was energized. This shift has empowered us to become data-driven instructional leaders and allows us to make more informed decisions that directly impact student success.”

— **Rex Crabtree**, Principal, Eastside Elementary School,
Warren County Schools, Tennessee

How We Empower Principals

NIET designs a tailored plan based on the needs and goals of each partner. With our 25 years of experience and evidence-based professional learning, we provide what school leaders need to succeed:

- Principal Standards Rubric and strategies to advance school leadership
- Observation, evaluation, and coaching systems with proven results
- High-quality training and coaching through NIET's Principal Leadership Series
- Videos and resources to strengthen instruction and leadership



“Our partnership with NIET has helped us move from belief to intentional practice by providing the structures, language, and consistency to develop and sustain instructional excellence.”

— **Dr. Robert Compton**, Head of School, Riverwalk Academy, South Carolina Public Charter School District, South Carolina

Strengthening Educator Observation and Feedback Systems

In a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education, NIET is supporting a three-year training and credentialing initiative to improve the feedback teachers and principals receive through their evaluation systems. In its pilot year, **98 principals were trained across 34 districts**, with a statewide rollout continuing until 2028.

Building Leadership Capacity Across South Carolina

Leadership capacity in NIET partner schools across South Carolina is growing. 95% of school leaders reported improvement in their coaching skills, with 92% reporting improvement in leadership capacity.



School leaders report improvement in their coaching skills



School leaders report improvement in leadership capacity

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