



Principals Leadership Academy of Arizona Course Outline - 2025-2026

The Principals Leadership Academy of Arizona (PLAA) was established in 2009 in response to a **growing need for an innovative approach to training emerging leaders and supporting principals in their first year of school leadership**. PLAA is open to anyone interested in school leadership, with a focus on individuals identified by districts or schools as on a principal track and new principals in their first year of school leadership.

Course of Study:

PLAA content is based on the **National Educational Leadership Preparedness (NELP) Standards** (NELP: <http://www.npbea.org/>). All sessions are facilitated by Arizona-based A+ School of Excellence principals, teachers, and educational leaders who are exemplary in their fields. **PLAA is grounded in best practices and strategies that have been tried and tested in Arizona, by Arizona educators.**

Course Schedule and Topics

Session	Date	Topics	Location
1	Aug. 23, 2025	Four Highly Effective Leadership Traits of School Principals, Overview of NELP Program Recognition Standards, Finding Balance in the Complex Role of School Leadership	AEF HQ-Phoenix
2	Sep. 27, 2025	Collaborative School Environments, Enhancing School Climate, Interventions for Student Success, Transforming Vision to Excellence	Sahuarita
3	Oct. 2025	A+ School Mentor Site Visits	Varies
4	Nov. 1, 2025	The Situational Leader study session, Bringing About & Sustaining Change as a School Leader, Overview of ASU Helios Decision Center, Mock Job Interview Prep	Tempe
5	Dec. 6, 2025	Navigating Today's Media in Public Education, Intro to AI, Mock Job Interviews	Virtual
6	Jan. 10, 2026	Data-Driven Decision Making, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) & Restorative Practices, The Discipline Process	Tucson
7	Feb. 7, 2026	The State of Education in Arizona, Growing Your Leadership, Avoiding Legal Pitfalls	AEF HQ
8	Mar. 7, 2026	When Values Drive Meaningful Strategic Change, The Next Education Work Force, The Value in School Climate & Culture, Discovery Book Presentations	Chandler
9	Apr. 4, 2026	Career Literacy Skills, The Complexity of School Budgets, PLAA Graduation	AEF HQ

***All registered participants will receive a detailed PLAA course syllabus & content overview during Session #1.**