

VIRTUAL

INSTRUCTIONAL
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What Is Instructional Leadership?

Instructional Leadership— A Definition

***Instructional leadership** is the practice of making and implementing operational and improvement decisions in the service of student learning.*

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A False Dichotomy?

In practice, the division of the principalship into “instructional leadership” and “mere management” is a false dichotomy.

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Management is the Foundation

- You can be a manager without being an instructional leader, but...
- You can't be an instructional leader without being an effective manager
- Teachers can only improve their instruction with effective managerial support

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Who & What Are We Managing?

- Teachers are professionals
- Teaching is professional work
- Teachers must exercise professional judgment with a high degree of autonomy under conditions of uncertainty
- Improving teaching is mainly about improving professional judgment

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Journal

An open notebook with a pen and a cup of coffee on a light blue surface. The notebook is open to a blank page, and the pen is resting on it. The cup of coffee is partially visible on the right side of the notebook.

- How do I make a difference as a manager? What are some of the key ways I provide support for teaching and learning?
- How do I make a difference as an instructional leader? What are some of the key ways I provide leadership?

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