



Center for Leadership & Educational Equity

Qualities of Educational Leadership Exercise

Developed for the ATLAS Principal Institute.

1. Take a few minutes to think about the most rewarding experiences you have had as a principal. What are the qualities of leadership that made these experiences so memorable? What are the critical characteristics of the leadership experiences for you as a teacher, learner, or leader? Write down 3-5 one-word descriptors of the qualities that are most important to you as a leader, a teacher, and a learner. (5 minutes)
2. Gather in groups of 2-3 and share one of your most rewarding experiences. After you have each told your stories, reflect together on what elements of respect, trust, and relationship had in shaping the experiences. (15 minutes)
3. Take a few minutes to think about a leadership issue that you are struggling with right now. How might you use the elements of respect, trust, and relationship to influence how you will respond to your current dilemma? Make a note of one thing you will do in this situation when you get home based on a new insight. (5 minutes)
4. Share your new insights with your partner(s). (5 minutes)