

The Power of Collaboration: Building Networks, Connecting Educators

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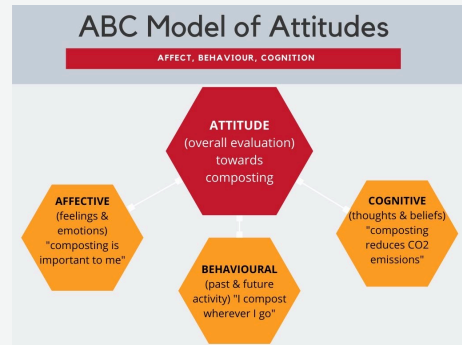
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Why join a network?

How do networks support teachers?

How do networks promote leadership?

Examples of leadership within networks



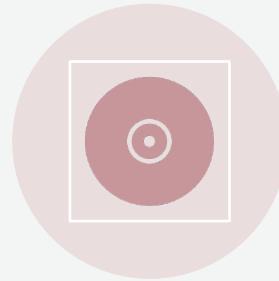
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“Educator networks have shown that they affect educators’ beliefs, attitudes, and practice (Cole & Weinbaum, 2010; Finnegan & Daly, 2012), influence outcomes of reform (Coburn, Russell, Kaufman, & Stein, 2012; Penuel, Sun, Frank, & Gallagher, 2012), and create or constrain access to resources such as expertise (Baker-Doyle & Yoon, 2010; Frank, Zhao, & Borman, 2004; Penuel et al., 2010).

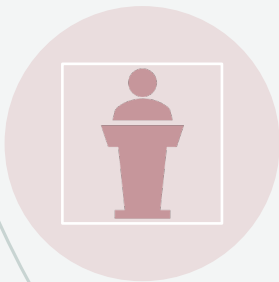
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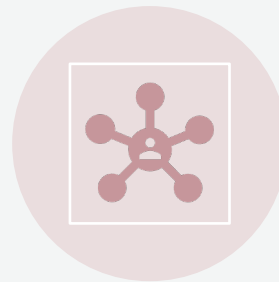
Support the adoption of new programs or practices



Target resources strategically.



Take advantage of teacher leaders to support desired changes.



Leveraging networks helps both the principal and the teachers work smarter and not just harder.

Why join a network?



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
AND KNOWLEDGE



RE-IGNITE YOUR
MOTIVATION AND
PURPOSE



WORK ON
GENERATING
SOLUTIONS WITH
LIKE-MINDED PEERS



BE THE CHANGE YOU
WANT TO SEE IN
EDUCATION



FIND FUTURE WORK
OPPORTUNITIES.

How do networks promote leadership?

Essential for support

Mentorship

Benson et.al. promote use of networks to bring together educators at different levels of experience to support each other and understand their challenges are similar

Maslow's hierarchy of needs has also been used to explore this aspect of leadership promotion specifically discussing what teachers needs and what they can contribute.



Create your own network

Pedagogical
Circles

Research
Circles

Collaborative
Circles

Idea hubs

Social media:
FB/Whatsapp



TESOL International Association as a hub for professional networks

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Explore:

<https://my.tesol.org/home> - myTESOL Lounge

Network of local affiliates/associations:

<https://www.tesol.org/connect/tesol-affiliate-network>



**Collaborate,
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Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

There is Power in Educator Networks

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