Iowa’s Standards for School Leaders
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STANDARD 1. MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES
Educational leaders develop, advocate, and enact a shared mission, vision, and core values of high-quality education and academic success and well-being of each student.

STANDARD 2. ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL NORMS
Educational leaders act ethically and according to professional norms to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 3. EQUITY AND CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS
Educational leaders strive for equity of educational opportunity and culturally responsive practices to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 4. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT
Educational leaders develop and support intellectually rigorous and coherent systems of curriculum, instruction, and assessment to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 5. COMMUNITY OF CARE AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
Educational leaders cultivate an inclusive, caring, and supportive school community that promotes the academic success and well-being of each student.

STANDARD 6. PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL
Educational leaders develop the professional capacity and practice of school personnel to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 7. PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF
Educational leaders foster a professional community of teachers and other professional staff to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 8. MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY
Educational leaders engage families and the community in meaningful, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial ways to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 9. OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT
Educational leaders manage school operations and resources to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

STANDARD 10. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
Educational leaders act as agents of continuous improvement to promote each student’s academic success and well-being.

Currently, additional resources and tools to support the implementation of the new ISSL standards may be found at this link. Thanks to School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) for their support to school leadership in Iowa.