

West Texas Principal Center

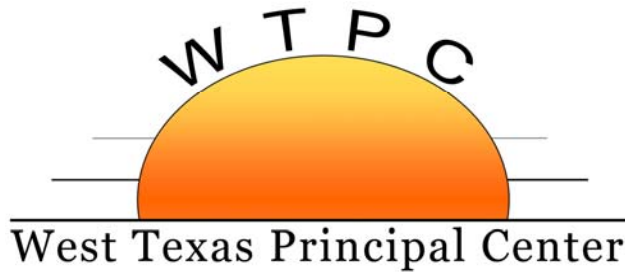
The principalship is a position that is absolutely critical to educational change and improvement. A good principal can create a climate that can foster excellence in teaching and learning, while an ineffective one can quickly thwart the progress of the most dedicated reformers. Richard Riley, Secretary of United States Department of Education

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This project is designed to assist new principal candidates as well as current principals and assistant principals in acquiring new skills, proficiencies and certifications needed to serve the needs of the school districts in the Permian Basin.

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Leading to Make a Difference



WTPC
West Texas Principal Center

Leader of Leaders }

West Texas Principal Center at UTPB – *Leader of Leaders*

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) in collaboration with several area LEA's, has created the West Texas Principal Center (WTPC). The WTPC will serve as a center of excellence for a *Leader of Leaders Model*, with an educational leadership pipeline designed to nurture new leadership personnel for the sparsely populated and isolated region of rural West Texas, known as the Permian Basin.

Participant Districts

Balmorhea ISD

Big Spring ISD

Ector County ISD

Lamesa ISD

Fort Stockton ISD

Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD

Seminole ISD

Snyder ISD

Stanton ISD

Program Overview

The WTPC is set up to serve two groups of professional educators: education leadership students who are seeking certification to be a campus principal, and the current principals and assistant principals of the Permian Basin.

Aspiring Principals

These participants are receiving an enhanced educational leadership program from UTPB. The key components include:

Assistance with the cost of tuition, fees and books.

A variety of initial and assessments to assist in tailoring an Individual Training Plan (ITP) for each student.

Ongoing assessments will be used to monitor the growth and development of each participant on an individual basis

Access to special seminars, conferences and professional growth activities that will enhance the traditional program coursework.

Mentoring from a Principal Coach, selected from the home district. Access to additional resources from the staff of the WTPC.

Current Principals

The WTPC is also set up to serve the ongoing professional development needs of current campus leaders in the Permian Basin. These campus principals and assistant principals will have access to a wide variety of seminars, conferences and professional growth activities that will be provided throughout the year on an ongoing basis. All assessments and training offered by the WTPC are aligned with the Texas Principal Competencies and the NCATE Educational Leadership Constituents' Council Principal Standards. The WTPC will undergo annual program evaluation from an outside source and the Center's activities will be under the direction of a board made up of Ed. Leadership faculty from UTPB and the Superintendents of the participant LEA's.