

What is an effective, educational leader?

With the adoption of the Idaho Core Standards, teaching practices must evolve from those used with the old Idaho Standards, in order for students to be successful, 21st century learners, prepared for college or career.

It is essential that effective, educational leaders (administrators, principals, potential administrators, and teacher leaders) understand, can articulate, and can demonstrate what this encompasses for students and teachers.

This unit is the first in a series of units intended to help educational leaders address the following questions:

- **What is an effective educational leader? (Unit 1)**
- **What is effective collaboration, and how do you develop that? (Unit 2)**
- **What is effective professional learning? How do you present professional learning so that it meets the needs of your learners? (Unit 3)**

Key Shifts of the ELA Idaho Core

In order for educational leaders to understand the importance, depth, and natural overlap and integration of the Idaho Core Standards, each unit in the series will intentionally address all four Key Shifts.

- **Shift One:** Students will build knowledge and academic language through a balance of content rich, complex nonfiction and literary texts.
- **Shift Two:** Students will participate in Reading/Writing/Speaking that is grounded in evidence from the text, across the curriculum.
- **Shift Three:** Students will use digital resources strategically to conduct research and create and present material in oral and written form.
- **Shift Four:** Students will collaborate effectively for a variety of purposes while also building independent literacy skills.