



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: October 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Connecticut State Department of Education Curriculum Leader Fellowship

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) invites you to nominate your most promising educators for our Curriculum Teacher Leader Fellowship—a strategic initiative designed to advance educational excellence across Connecticut.

This Fellowship is designed to identify and support teacher leaders in curriculum design and development with proven classroom excellence, equipping them with cutting-edge pedagogical strategies and leadership techniques that will reshape curriculum development. Selected Fellows will not only enhance their own teaching practices but become curriculum innovators within their school communities. To learn more, join the team for a virtual informational session October 29, 2025, from 12:00 PM– 12:30 pm or October 29, 2025, from 3:00 pm – 3:30pm. Please [RSVP](#) to a session most convenient.

We are creating more than a professional learning program; we are building a statewide network of educational leaders who will drive innovative curriculum design across Connecticut's schools. Selected Fellows will work alongside renowned experts, collaborate with passionate peers, and gain deep expertise with the Connecticut Model Curriculum - all while developing the skills to inspire and guide systemic educational improvements. The Curriculum Leader Fellowship will consist of a series of sessions: launch and introduction, four virtual and two in person teacher leader professional learning.

The CSDE Curriculum Leader Fellowship [nomination form](#) provides the opportunity to select Fellows who will represent your district in this transformative initiative. Please complete this form to nominate candidates who demonstrate leadership potential and curriculum expertise. All nominations must be submitted by November 12, 2025.

Let's cultivate educational leadership together.

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cc: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education
Dr. Charles E. Hewes, Deputy Commissioner