

The Quaglia Institute offers Teacher Leader Academies to recognize and amplify the voices of teachers looking to enhance and utilize leadership skills in order to drive change in their classrooms, schools, districts, and communities. These academies are customized in partnership with district leaders to support the unique goals and needs of individual districts. The following five sessions are at the heart of the Teacher Leader Academy design:

### **Session I: Understanding the Dynamics of Teacher Voice & Aspirations**

This initial session focuses on teacher voice and why it matters. Understanding the intricacies and definition of voice is essential for the development of teacher leaders. Participants will discuss the importance of voice and aspirations in the context of the teaching profession and explore strategies to enhance and support teacher voice in schools.

### **Session II: The Voice Process: Listen, Learn, Lead**

The Voice Process will be introduced as a way to fully embrace teacher voice as a “way of being” in schools. Participants will continue their journeys to understanding and implementing a common definition of voice and use their voices as teacher leaders to positively impact their own lives as professionals, as well as the students and families they serve.

### **Session III: Understanding the Importance of my Self-Worth as a Teacher**

This session will explore the concept of teachers’ Self-Worth, beginning with developing a strong sense of Belonging within an educational system and recognizing the importance of having personal and professional Heroes. Additionally, Sense of Accomplishment will be viewed through the lens of teachers as professionals.

### **Session IV: Being Meaningfully Engaged as a Teacher in the Classroom, School, and Community**

Participants will delve into the topic of Engagement from a variety of perspectives, with a focus on teacher engagement within the education profession. Teacher leaders will consider the conditions of Fun & Excitement, Curiosity & Creativity, and Spirit of Adventure at the classroom, school, and community levels.

### **Session V: Having a Sense of Purpose as a Teacher**

In this session, participants will be challenged to explore their own Purpose as educators and how they can live out that purpose by embracing Leadership & Responsibility and having the Confidence to Take Action on their beliefs as teacher leaders.

Check out this [short video](#) reflecting the experience of participants in a Teacher Leader Academy in Henry County School District, and [this article](#) about our work with Cobb County School District.

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