

Teacher Leadership: Making the Difference at Linn-Mar

Teacher Leadership is an opportunity for teachers to help their colleagues by sharing instructional resources, areas of expertise, and effective teaching strategies in a variety of roles in and out of the classroom settings.

All of our Teacher Leaders at Linn-Mar will work with adult learners, communicate with the staff and the community as well as have an impeccable knowledge of content and pedagogy.

Teacher Leadership at Linn-Mar is a cooperative to improve instructional practice and enhance student learning and achievement.

Bowman Woods Elementary

Terri Streicher

Echo Hill Elementary

Laura Robertson

Indian Creek Elementary

Sara Hofer

Linn Grove Elementary

Tiffany Kinzenbaw

Novak Elementary

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Westfield Elementary

Jo Nel Boekhoff

Wilkins Elementary

Lori Manley

Excelsior Middle School

CJ McDonald

Oak Ridge Middle School

Nicole Redington

Linn-Mar High School

Sheri Crandall
Tina Oberbroeckling

The Instructional Coach

Influencing teaching and learning at Linn-Mar.





Where does an Instructional Coach Offer Support?

- Professional Learning Communities
- One-on-one conversations
- Grade level/content teams
- Side-by-side/co-teaching in the classroom

Curriculum & Instructional Specialist

The Instructional Coach can support teachers by increasing teacher content knowledge, facilitating a better understanding of the structure of the curriculum, and engaging teachers in reflective teaching while looking at their own instructional practices.

How can an Instructional Coach Offer Support?

Consulting

- Providing information about student needs, pedagogy, curriculum, and procedures
- Applying teaching standards

Collaborating

- Developing ideas and focus for investigation
- Solving instructional challenges
- Applying shared ideas
- Learning together

Observing

- Providing feedback on student behavior, classroom environment
- Examining lesson content and delivery

Cognitive Coaching

- Planning, reflecting and problem re-solving together

The Coach supports the implementation of effective instructional strategies including but not limited to:

- Assessment for learning
- Differentiation of instruction
- Standards based grading

In What Areas can an Instructional Coach Offer Support?

In the Classroom

Classroom Management: Suggestions for room arrangements, expectations and routines, natural and logical consequences, individual learning preferences and learning styles

Content Knowledge: District and curriculum materials, units of study and daily lessons, researched-based professional reading

Classroom Instruction: Engaging, meaningful activities, lesson modeling, high-level questioning, differentiation strategies

Formative Assessment: Clear targets for learning, data collection and analysis, differentiated instruction based on data, various types of formative assessments

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