About the 21st Century California Leadership Academy Initiative

What is 21CSLA?

The 21st Century California School Leadership Academy (21CSLA) is a statewide program that offers high-quality, equity-centered professional learning and support to administrators and other school leaders in California. Programs are free to participants, and include leadership coaching with a focus on improving instruction and achievement outcomes for English Learners, students with disabilities, low-income students, and other historically marginalized student groups. Equity is at the core of 21CSLA’s focus, and the Center’s equity statements reads as follows:

“Leaders for equity transform education to improve access, opportunity, and inclusion for students and adults, especially those who are systemically marginalized and historically underserved, so that they can thrive.”

Who is Involved?

The initiative consists of a 21CSLA State Center run by the University of California, Berkeley, Graduate School of Education and seven Regional Academies (RAs). CCEE, in collaboration with SBE and CDE, are charged with overseeing the external evaluation per Senate Bill 75 (Statutes of 2019), Article 5.
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What is 21CSLA’s Impact to Date?

- To date, with the support of the 21CSLA State Center, the seven regional academies provided 333 learning opportunities throughout the state, benefiting more than 8,300 leaders.
- 21CSLA participants engaged in communities of practice (CoPs), localized professional learning (LPL), and/or leadership coaching, and in 2022-2023, there were more than 3,500 unique registrants for CoPs, LPLs, and coaching offerings statewide.
- Cohort 2 is underway with continued learning opportunities and statewide special projects like *system-wide capacity building for TK-12 leaders*. 