

# Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher

## ROLE OVERVIEW

In each CPS Fine & Performing Arts School, the **Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher** is an arts teacher that serves as a teacher leader in arts education, arts integration, and arts advocacy in their school.

It is expected that the Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher serves on the Arts Leadership Team, the Instructional Leadership Team and/or Professional Personnel Learning Committee, and the CIWP Team to integrate the arts throughout the school and core curriculum.

## PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor school progress and success as a Fine & Performing Arts School based on the *School Standards for Success*.
- Attend all required Fine & Performing Arts professional learning.
- Share and lead transfer of best practices from Fine & Performing Arts School Professional Learning to building team.
- Collaborate regularly with school team to ensure the development of strong curriculum integration.
- Support CIWP planning and alignment with programmatic designation.

## ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor student progress and success in the arts based on the Illinois State Arts Learning Standards.
- Commit to attending Department of Arts Education district-wide professional learning offerings.
- Share and lead transfer of best practices from the Department of Arts district-wide professional learning to building team.
- Participate in a Fine & Performing Arts Networked Improvement Community or Professional Learning Community.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Full-time arts teacher, or another teacher who practices arts-integration
- Strong in-person and digital communication skills
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Strong arts content knowledge
- Strong arts instructional approach and willingness to continuously improve own instructional approach
- Understanding of the Fine & Performing Arts School *Standards for Success* and willingness to learn ways to implement them throughout school community
- Interest in growing professional leadership skills
- Willingness and ability to leverage buy-in from school administration and staff to enact meaningful change

## MAGNET CLUSTER LEAD TEACHER DESIGNATION PROCESS

A school administrator needs to designate a qualified candidate for the Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher position. Magnet Cluster Lead Teachers must be (re)designated every school year. The Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher candidate and administrator should meet first to discuss the role expectations. The administrator should then complete the MCLT designation form: <https://tinyurl.com/MCLT-Designation>.

Should you have any questions about the Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher role and responsibilities, or about designating a Magnet Cluster Lead Teacher for your school, please contact Christine Rudy-Reed, the Department of Arts Education's Fine & Performing Arts School Specialist, at [creed18@cps.edu](mailto:creed18@cps.edu).