What is Instructional Leadership?

Instructional leadership is the ability to navigate people to effectively educate others to advance in their knowledge, skills, and ability. As principal, instructional leadership is very important, this concept deals with the students indirectly, but it greatly affects them.

Instructional leadership allows one to guide people through the process of curriculum, instruction, and staff development. A principal can enhance the ability of any one through the use of staff development. This is the process of which exercises the growth of education through increasing the education of its staff. Commonly, the trainings result in student achievement. As leader of instruction, the students must always be held to a high standard. Students should be taught to not always want to win but hate to lose. This builds confidence within the students.

In addition the TAKS test is a very large part of the Texas Education System. As the instructional leader you must ensure that the students are able to produce high scores, which demonstrates your ability of instructional leadership. The magic question some ask is, “How do I prove that I am worthy to provide excellent instructional leadership to my school.” The answer is very easy, be in the classroom. Make it a habit to stop by and teach a class, so you can model the proper way to lead instruction. The staff has to know who and what to follow. If there is no one leading, they will follow their own understanding, which in some cases is not the best way to lead instruction. As principal, you must be able to be a leader of instruction and lead your school in instruction and reap the benefits of student success.