Math and Science District Leadership Network

2026–2027 Membership Benefits

Membership period: August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027

Research Triangle Institute, using the trade name RTI International (RTI), has the pleasure to host the Math and Science District Leadership Network (MSDLN) as it supports district leaders to work in collaboration to improve mathematics and science teaching and learning. By leveraging resources and eliminating the barrier of doing similar work independent of each other or in isolation, districts in the MSDLN can leverage their expertise, people, and monetary resources by codesigning high quality professional learning experiences and curricular materials that can be shared across the districts.

Membership eligibility:

This network is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of **district-level staff who focus much of their work on math, science, and/or STEM education**. Typical positions who may benefit the most from this network include, but are not limited to:

- Curriculum Director of Math/Science/STEM
- Coordinator of Math/Science/STEM
- Math/Science/STEM Lead

Currently, this network is not designed to meet the needs of classroom teachers directly.

Anticipated outcomes:

- Knowledge and skill development in executing high quality math and science instruction, including technology-enabled, engaging, and effective instructional practices in the math and science disciplines.
- Strengthen district-level approaches to support quality math and science instruction, including deeper exploration of the four strands of conceptual understanding, vertical alignment, access and equity, and student-centered instruction.
- Share best practices and resources across districts, including a focus on implementing a high-quality curriculum.
- Support in developing strategies and tactics for transferring practices of rigorous math and science instruction throughout the districts.

Membership activities and events:

<u>Math Network</u>

Up to 8 peer networking sessions for District Math Leaders

Sessions will include at least four face-to-face sessions onsite at RTI or another location determined by the network members, as well as periodic shorter virtual check-in meetings throughout the year.

Sessions will include:

- Problems of practice focused on the unique instructional challenges of our current times.
- Developing shared tools, professional learning sessions, and resources.
- Guest speakers may include the state education partners (e.g., North Carolina Department of Public Instruction staff), mathematics education researchers, university partners, and other educational leaders.

Science Network

Up to 8 peer networking sessions for District Science Leaders
Sessions will include at least four face-to-face sessions onsite at RTI or another location determined by the network members, as well as periodic shorter virtual check-in meetings throughout the year.

Sessions will include:

- Problems of practice focused on the unique instructional challenges of our current times.
- Understanding and implementing the new science standards.
- Developing shared tools and resources.
- Guest speakers may include the NC Department of Public Instruction, science education researchers, university partners, and other educational leaders.

Membership Options

District leaders select to participate in either the math or science network.

Individual Participation
$1,500 per person

Group Participation (discounted)
$8,000 per district (maximum cost for up to 10 members across both networks)

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Terms and Conditions

Introduction; Applicability of Terms. These terms and conditions ("Agreement") govern participation in the Research Triangle Institute, using the trade name of RTI International ("RTI") **Math and Science District Leadership Network** ("MSDLN") and participants thereof. "Participants" means both the paid MSDLN member and the member's employer. Participant-specific information may be found in the "Math and Science District Leadership Network (2026–2027 Membership) confirmation" email ("MSDLN Registration Form"). The terms "MSDLN Activities," "MSDLN Events," and "MSDLN Membership Period" have the meaning set forth in the "MSDLN 2026–2027 Membership Benefits" documentation available for download and attached to these terms and conditions.

Entire Agreement; Conflicting Terms. This Agreement, together with any documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the parties with respect to Participant's participation in MSDLN, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, negotiations, representations, and communications, both written and oral, with respect to the subject matter of the MSDLN. This Agreement expressly limits Participant's acceptance to the terms and conditions of the Agreement. This Agreement prevails over any terms or conditions contained in any other documentation, and the only consideration any subsequent documentation. Any subsequent documentation provided by Participant shall be accepted solely for administrative purposes, such as facilitating invoicing. Reference by RTI to any purchase order number supplied by the Participant shall be for accounting identification purposes only, and any terms or conditions therein or in any acknowledgement, confirmation, or other communication by Participant in addition to or in conflict with this Agreement are rejected.

Invoices and Payment. RTI will send invoices to Participant's designated point of contact at the designate address. RTI payment terms are NET 30 days upon receipt of an RTI Invoice. Participant will not be obligated to pay RTI costs that exceed the amount authorized by the MSDLN Registration Form.

Changes to MSDLN Activities or Events. RTI shall notify Participants in writing of any changes to the MSDLN Activities or MSDLN Events that may be required.

Termination. Participant may terminate its registration to MSDLN at any time, in whole or in part, by providing written notice of termination to RTI. Termination shall be effective ten (10) business days from receipt of the notice. If Participant terminates its registration after the first MSDLN Event of the annual MSDLN Membership Period, Participant shall still be obligated to pay RTI for the full fixed price agreed to on the MSDLN Registration Form.

Confidentiality. During the annual MSDLN Membership Period, it may be necessary for either or both parties to disclose (a "Disclosing Party") to the other (the "Receiving Party") certain scientific, technical, business, and/or trade secret information that the Disclosing Party regards as Proprietary Information. "Proprietary Information" is defined as (1) all written information disclosed that is marked on its face as proprietary, and (2) all orally or visually disclosed information that is identified as proprietary at the time of disclosure and within thirty (30) days after disclosure, is summarized and confirmed in writing to the other party as proprietary. A Receiving Party will maintain confidence in all Proprietary Information made available to it during the Term of this Agreement for a period of two years from the expiration or termination of this Agreement. The Receiving Party shall not use Proprietary Information received from the Disclosing Party, other than for the purpose or in relation to work that may be performed under subsequent agreement between the parties, without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party. The Receiving Party shall be held to the same standard of care in protecting Proprietary Information as the Receiving Party normally takes to preserve and safeguard its own proprietary information of a similar type, but in no event less than reasonable care.

Photography, Audio, and Video Recording. Participants may not photograph, record, copy, or otherwise capture any MSDLN Event or Activity, whether in person or virtual, nor distribute, share, post, or otherwise disseminate any event recordings or content, without RTI's prior written permission. RTI may photograph, record, livestream, and otherwise capture MSDLN Events and Activities and, by participating, Participants grant RTI permission to use their name, image, voice, likeness, and participation in photographs, audio recordings, video recordings, and other event materials for educational, promotional, marketing, archival, and other lawful purposes without compensation. RTI may edit, reproduce, publish, distribute, display, and otherwise use such materials in any media now known or later developed. All recordings and related materials created by or on behalf of RTI are the property of RTI, and Participants waive any right to inspect or approve the finished materials and any right to royalties, compensation, or other consideration arising from their use.

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RTI Methods. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, RTI shall retain ownership of all proprietary data, concepts, methods, techniques, processes, protocols, adaptations, ideas, formulas, software, databases, know-how, tools, trade secrets, background technologies, and standards of judgment (collectively "RTI Methods") owned, licensed, or controlled by RTI prior to this Agreement. Participant expressly acknowledges that performance of this Agreement may result in the development of improvements to the RTI Methods or the development of new RTI Methods. Participant agrees that any such improvements to or new RTI Methods shall belong exclusively to RTI, and Participant shall not, other than as necessary to performance of this Agreement, make use of or disclose the same to any other party without the prior written consent of RTI.

Limitation of Liability. The liability of either party for damages from any cause related to or arising out of the MSDLN, MSDLN Activities, or MSDLN Events, whether in contract or in tort, including negligence, shall be limited to actual (excluding special, indirect, punitive, lost profits, or consequential) damages. Participant's recovery of damages from RTI shall be limited to the price detailed in the MSDLN Registration Form. Liability arising out of damages caused by or resulting from actions or negligence of Participants shall be solely the responsibility of the Participants.

Force Majeure. Neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performance of MSDLN Activities or MSDLN Events (other than for delay in the payment of money due and payable hereunder) to the extent such failures or delays are caused by events beyond that party's reasonable control and occurring without its fault or negligence (a "Force Majeure Event").

Dispute Resolution. In the event of any dispute arising out of the MSDLN, MSDLN Activities, or MSDLN Events, the parties shall use good-faith efforts to resolve their differences amicably within sixty (60) days of the first written notice of the dispute. During such sixty (60) day period, the parties may agree to utilize a mediator experienced in the field of commercial disputes to assist with the resolution of such dispute(s). In the event the parties are unsuccessful, the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration by one arbitrator to be agreed upon by the parties. The arbitration shall be conducted informally in a manner agreed to by the parties in consultation with the arbitrator and not in strict accordance with the American Arbitration Association rules. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the parties and the parties waive all rights to seek redress in the courts. The parties will share equally the cost of any mediator and/or arbitrator and such proceedings, but both parties will be responsible for their own travel, employee, and legal costs.

Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, without giving effect to its conflict of law provisions.

Waiver/Severability. Failure of either party to enforce any of its rights under this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such rights. If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed modified only to the extent necessary to conform with applicable laws.

North Carolina State Statutes

- ***Iran Divestment and No Boycott of Israel*.** Pursuant to Article 6E NCGS § 147-86.60, RTI certifies that it is not identified on a list created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to NCGS §147-86.58 as a company engaging in investment activities in Iran. RTI further certifies that in the performance of this Agreement it shall not use any contractor or subcontractor that is identified on such a list. Similarly, pursuant to Article 6GNCGS §147-86.80, RTI further certifies that it is not identified on a list created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to NCGS §147-86.82 as a company investing in any company engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- ***Jessica Lunsford Act***. As required by NCGS 115C-332.1 for MSDLN Events occurring on school premises, RTI represents and warrants that it is aware of and in compliance with NCGS 115C-332.1.
- ***E-Verify Compliance***. Pursuant to NCGS §143.133.3, RTI represents and warrants that it is aware of and in compliance with Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NCGS, requiring use of the E-Verify system for employers who employ twenty-five (25) or more employees, and that it is and will remain in compliance with these laws at all times while providing services.
- ***Contractors, Subcontractors***. RTI shall ensure that any of its subcontractors (of any tier) will remain in compliance with NCGS §147-86.59, §147-86.58, §143.133.3, and 115C-332.1 while providing subcontracted services in connection with this Agreement.