

## INNOVATIVE WAYS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES IN GENERAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION LEADERS

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**Abstract:** This article examines contemporary approaches to developing leadership competencies among general education institution leaders. Based on literature analysis, innovative methods and strategies for enhancing educational leaders' leadership capabilities are analyzed. The study explores modern approaches such as transformational leadership, digital leadership, and collaborative leadership. The results indicate that comprehensive development of leadership competencies is essential for improving educational quality and ensuring institutional effectiveness.

**Keywords:** leadership competencies, educational leadership, innovative approaches, transformational leadership, general education institutions

### UMUMTA'LIM MUASSASALARI RAHBARLARIDA LIDERLIK KOMPETENSIYALARINI RIVOJLANTIRISHNING INNOVATSION YO'LLARI

**Annotatsiya.** Ushbu maqola umumta'lim muassasalari rahbarlarida liderlik kompetensiyalarini rivojlantirishning zamonaviy yondashuvlarini tadqiq etadi. Adabiyotlar tahlili asosida ta'lim rahbarlarining liderlik qobiliyatlarini oshirishning innovatsion usullari va strategiyalari tahlil qilingan. Maqolada transformatsion liderlik, raqamli liderlik, hamkorlikka asoslangan rahbarlik kabi zamonaviy yondashuvlar o'rganiladi. Natijalar shuni ko'rsatadiki, ta'lim sifatini oshirish va muassasa samaradorligini ta'minlash uchun rahbarlarning liderlik kompetensiyalarini kompleks rivojlantirish zarur.

**Kalit so'zlar:** liderlik kompetensiyalari, ta'lim rahbarligi, innovatsion yondashuvlar, transformatsion liderlik, umumta'lim muassasalari

### ИННОВАЦИОННЫЕ ПУТИ РАЗВИТИЯ ЛИДЕРСКИХ КОМПЕТЕНЦИЙ У РУКОВОДИТЕЛЕЙ ОБЩЕОБРАЗОВАТЕЛЬНЫХ УЧРЕЖДЕНИЙ

**Аннотация.** В данной статье рассматриваются современные подходы к развитию лидерских компетенций у руководителей общеобразовательных учреждений. На основе анализа литературы анализируются инновационные методы и стратегии повышения лидерских способностей руководителей образовательных учреждений. В исследовании рассматриваются такие современные подходы, как трансформационное лидерство, цифровое лидерство и лидерство сотрудничества. Результаты показывают, что всестороннее развитие лидерских качеств имеет важное значение для повышения качества образования и обеспечения институциональной эффективности.

**Ключевые слова:** лидерские компетенции, образовательное лидерство, инновационные подходы, трансформационное лидерство, общеобразовательные учреждения

## INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of 21st-century education systems and widespread adoption of modern technologies place new demands on general education institution leaders. In the context of globalization, improving educational quality, implementing contemporary pedagogical technologies, and effectively managing educational processes require the development of leaders' leadership competencies [1].

Contemporary research demonstrates that educational institution effectiveness is directly linked to leaders' leadership capabilities [2]. Therefore, identifying and analyzing innovative ways to develop leadership competencies among general education institution leaders represents a pressing issue.

The research objective is to identify and describe contemporary methods and strategies for developing leadership competencies in general education institution leaders based on literature analysis.

The significance of this study lies in providing theoretical foundations for practical implementation of leadership development programs in educational institutions, which can contribute to improving educational quality and institutional management effectiveness.

#### METHODOLOGY AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Transformational leadership theory represents one of the most widely applied approaches in education. Bass and Riggio (2021) emphasize that transformational leaders inspire employees, encourage their personal development, and engage in activities directed toward implementing the organization's vision [3].

Research conducted on educational leadership in Uzbekistan indicates the necessity of developing leadership competencies while considering local conditions [4]. Russian scholar I.V. Petrova (2023) emphasizes the importance of developing digital leadership capabilities among educational institution leaders [5].

The "Distributive Leadership" model developed by foreign researchers also deserves special attention. Spillane and Diamond (2022) identify the distribution of leadership responsibilities across all organizational levels as a fundamental principle of this approach [6].

International studies by Fullan and Quinn (2021) highlight the importance of coherence-making leadership in educational change processes [7]. Their research demonstrates that successful educational leaders must possess the ability to create alignment between various reform initiatives and institutional goals.

Recent research by Hallinger and Wang (2023) explores the evolution of instructional leadership in the digital age, emphasizing the need for leaders to adapt their competencies to contemporary educational environments [8].

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Based on literature analysis, the following innovative ways to develop leadership competencies among general education institution leaders have been identified:

**Table 1. Main Directions of Leadership Competency Development**

Direction	Characteristics	Application Areas
Transformational Leadership	Inspiration, vision formation, personal development support	Team management, teacher motivation
Digital Leadership	Technology utilization, virtual environment management	Online education, digital resource management
Emotional Intelligence	Emotion management, empathy development	Conflict resolution, communication effectiveness



Collaborative Leadership	Collective decision-making, participation	Democratic governance, stakeholder engagement
Instructional Leadership	Focus on teaching and learning, curriculum oversight	Academic quality improvement, pedagogical innovation

The analysis reveals that modern educational leaders require a multifaceted approach to competency development. Transformational leadership emerges as particularly relevant for inspiring organizational change and fostering innovation within educational settings. Digital leadership competencies have become increasingly critical following the COVID-19 pandemic and the widespread adoption of educational technology. Leaders must demonstrate proficiency in leveraging digital tools for communication, instruction, and administrative processes [9].

**Table 2. Innovative Methods for Leadership Development**

Method	Description	Expected Outcomes
Coaching and Mentoring	One-on-one guidance from experienced leaders	Enhanced self-awareness, skill refinement
360-Degree Feedback	Multi-source performance evaluation	Comprehensive understanding of leadership effectiveness
Action Learning Projects	Real-world problem-solving initiatives	Practical application of leadership principles
Leadership Simulations	Virtual reality and gaming-based training	Safe environment for practicing difficult scenarios
Cross-Cultural Exchanges	International leadership experience programs	Global perspective, cultural competency
Peer Learning Networks	Collaborative learning communities	Shared expertise, mutual support

The implementation of these innovative methods requires systematic planning and resource allocation. Organizations must create supportive environments that encourage continuous learning and professional growth among their leaders.

Emotional intelligence development emerges as a critical component, particularly in managing diverse stakeholder relationships and navigating complex organizational dynamics. Research indicates that leaders with higher emotional intelligence demonstrate greater effectiveness in building positive school cultures and improving student outcomes [10].

The collaborative leadership model emphasizes shared decision-making processes and distributed responsibility. This approach proves particularly effective in fostering innovation and ensuring stakeholder buy-in for organizational initiatives.

Contemporary leadership development programs must also address the challenges of leading in uncertain and rapidly changing environments. This includes developing adaptive leadership capabilities that enable leaders to respond effectively to unforeseen circumstances and emerging challenges.

**CONCLUSION**

The analysis demonstrates that developing leadership competencies among general education institution leaders requires a comprehensive, multi-dimensional approach. Traditional

leadership development models must be enhanced with innovative methods that address contemporary educational challenges.

Key findings indicate that successful leadership development programs should integrate transformational leadership principles, digital competency development, emotional intelligence training, and collaborative leadership practices. The implementation of innovative methods such as coaching, 360-degree feedback, and action learning projects can significantly enhance leadership effectiveness.

Future research should focus on evaluating the long-term impact of these innovative approaches on educational outcomes and institutional performance. Additionally, developing culturally responsive leadership development programs that address local educational contexts remains an important area for further investigation.

The success of leadership competency development initiatives depends on organizational commitment, adequate resource allocation, and systematic evaluation of program effectiveness. Educational institutions must prioritize leadership development as a strategic investment in their long-term success and sustainability.

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