

One Day in the Life of Komal

As the Principal of UP Academy Leonard, Komal works alongside her co-leader and fellow staff members to lead the transformation of the James F. Leonard Middle School in Lawrence, MA. No two days are alike for a school leader, but Komal's daily schedule is built around one central theme: academic excellence. In our network, we work to ensure that our Principals can focus on instruction: pushing teachers and students to be their very best. Here's a closer look: one day in the life of Komal.

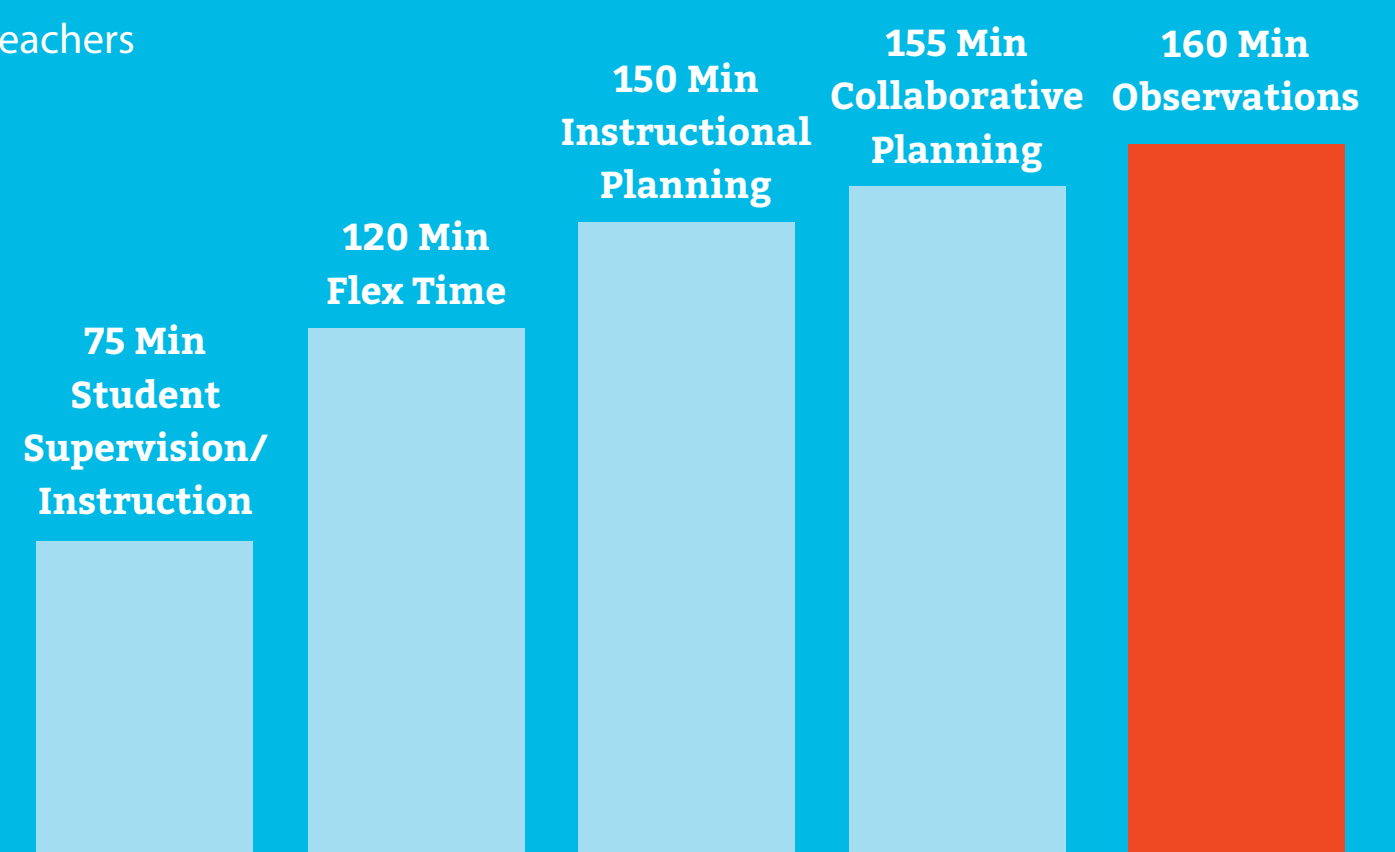
Komal Bhasin

Principal
UP Academy Leonard



One Day in the Life: by the minute

- 6:00 AM Arrival: Respond to daily emails and share feedback from recent observations
- 7:00 AM Meeting: Daily check-in with Dean of Students
- 7:25 AM Student Arrival: Greet students with a handshake as they arrive
- 7:40 AM Community Circle: Teach a lesson on perseverance to 8th graders
- 8:10 AM Co-Observation: Join Dean of Curriculum and Instruction in daily observation of teachers
- 9:30 AM AM Break: Supervise 7th grade hallway
- 9:45 AM Meeting: Share student progress updates with Director of Special Education
- 10:25 AM Observation: Weekly walk-through of 7th grade classrooms
- 11:05 AM Family Meeting: Offer additional academic supports for struggling student
- 11:50 AM Meeting: Review PD agenda with Instructional Leadership Team
- 12:50 PM PM Break: Greet students as they walk through the hallways
- 1:05 PM Observation: Shadow Dean of Students and share positive feedback via email
- 1:45 PM Meeting: Lead ELA Department meeting on Common Core preparations
- 2:35 PM Meeting: Join school's Co-Director for daily check-in
- 3:15 PM Flex Time: Finalize weekly staff email and set agenda for next week's PD
- 4:15 PM Meeting: Plan dodge ball tournament and other events with Dean of Students
- 5:00 PM End of Business: Drive home, ready for another day



Opportunities for professional growth

As a Principal in the UP Education Network, Komal receives support from network office staff members and her fellow Principals as she leads her school toward academic excellence. Here are a few of the ways that Komal receives support in her role as Principal.

Preparing to Lead

Before assuming the role of Principal at UP Academy Leonard, Komal participated in our network's year-long, salaried residency program. During her year as a resident leader, Komal engaged in ongoing professional development sessions, observed high-performing urban schools, and created a master plan to guide the ongoing restart of the Leonard Middle School.

Direct Coaching & Support

Komal receives weekly coaching and support from our network's Director of Principal Leadership. From co-observing teachers and practicing difficult conversations to leadership training and hours of ad hoc support, Komal and her peers benefit from the expertise and resources offered by our network office.

Collaborative Learning

Komal is not alone in the UP Education Network. Each month, Komal meets with her fellow Principals to collaborate and share best practices. Our network Principals also gather for ongoing professional development sessions on topics relevant to their work as instructional leaders.