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PREPARING PRINCIPALS FOR TODAY'S 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS

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PRINCIPALS HAVE A MULTIPLIER EFFECT

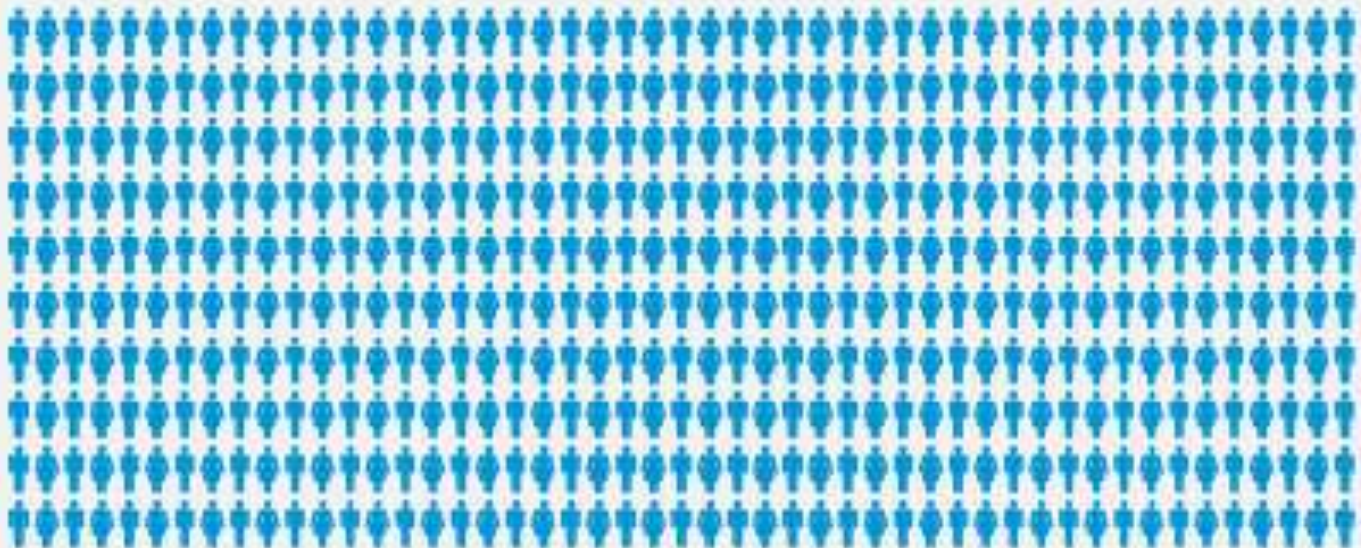
1 Principal



20 Effective Teachers



500 Student Successes



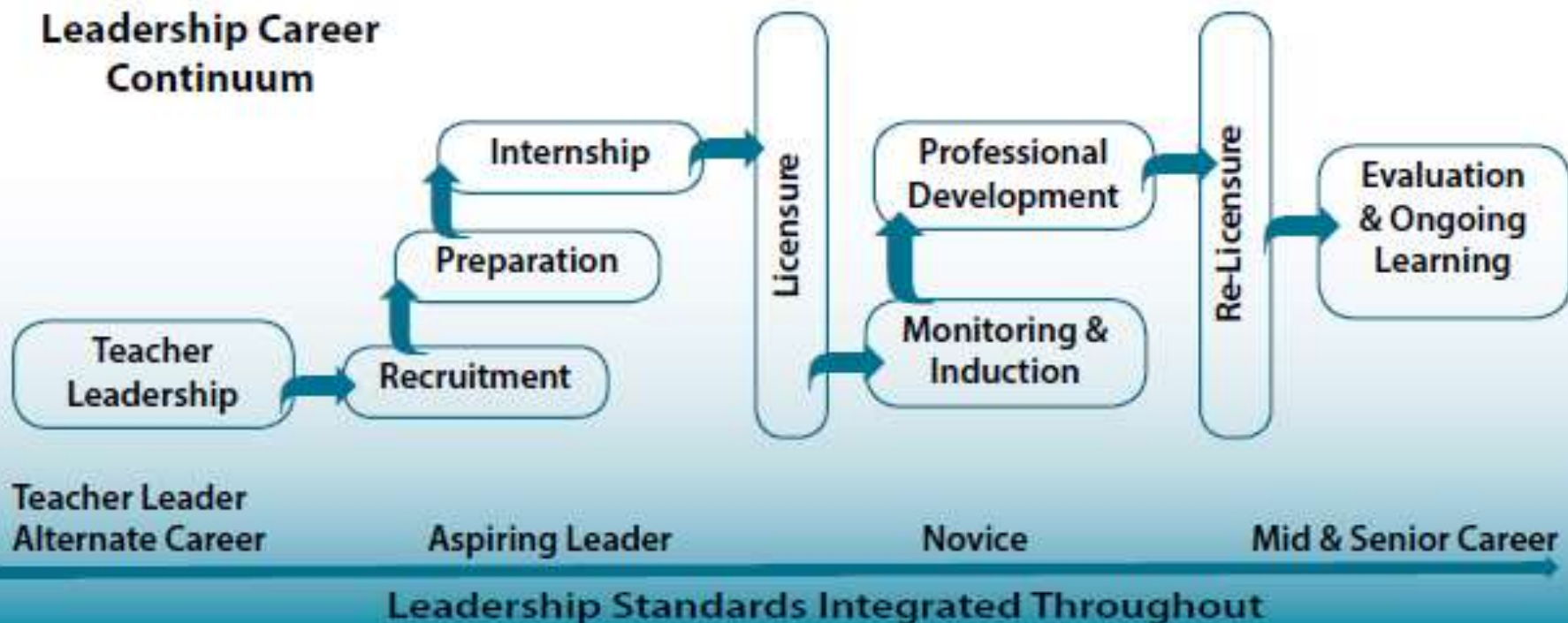
Approximate numbers based on national averages.

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Leadership Career Continuum



Source: National Association of State Boards of Education, 2011.



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Policy Levers

- State Action: Create a state commission or task force, develop and support statewide longitudinal data systems, improve working conditions, align all components, direct resources
- Areas of legislation
 - Improve Statewide Leadership Standards
 - Target Recruitment, Selection and Retention
 - Strengthen Principal Preparation Program Design and Accreditation
 - Strength Licensure and Certification
 - Improve Program and Candidate Evaluation
 - Provide Quality Mentoring and Ongoing Professional Development



Table Discussion

- Are the preparation programs in your state adequately preparing school leaders to meet the challenges of 21st century schools?
- Does your state have rigorous, well-defined standards for what school leaders should know and be able to do?
- **What are the current requirements for administrator's licensure and certification in your state?**

