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## Interview Prep



# Our Essential Question



How can I best prepare for interviews?



# For Each Interview

- Research the school/district a bit
- ...but don't overdo it
- Practice specifically for that role





# General Practice



- The more experience you have talking about yourself, the better
- Draft your answers on paper in bullets
- Practice a “Tight 5” for each question—5 uninterrupted minutes of an organized answer
- Practice on video



# Between Invitation & Interview



## Focus on the Rapid Interview Prep Toolkit

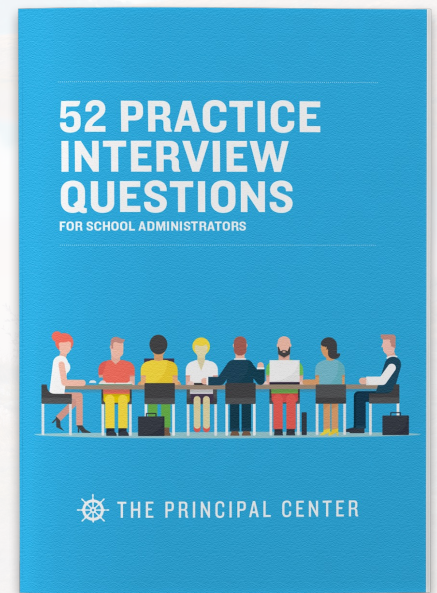


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# While You're Waiting

- Prioritize new applications—never miss a deadline
- Put daily time into practicing with VIP
- Use downtime to jot ideas on printed packet
- Practice for upcoming interviews specifically



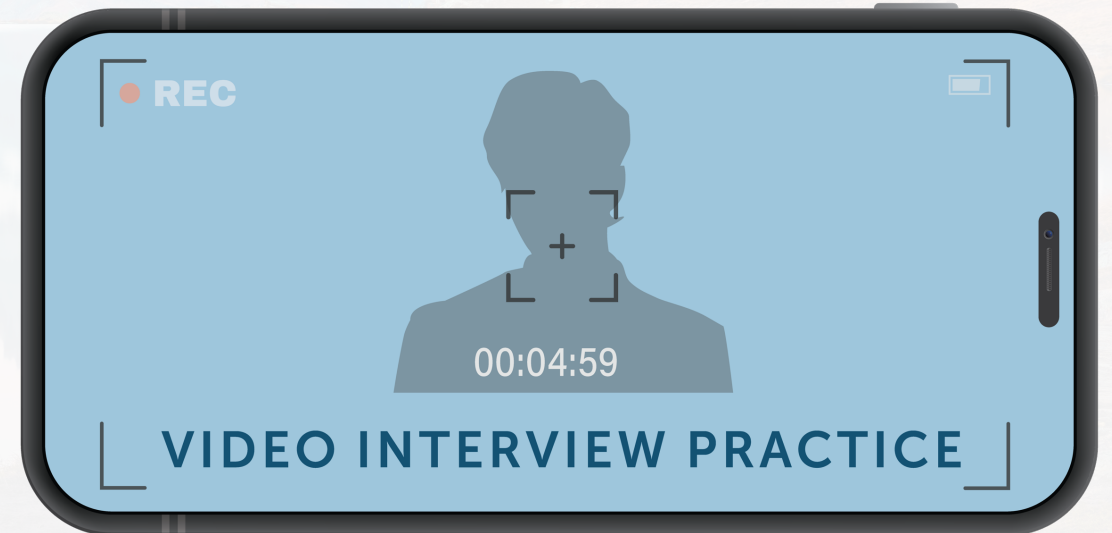
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# Practice On Video

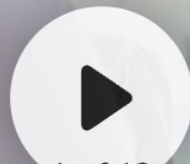
- Plan what you'll say on paper
- Practice actually saying it on video
- Set a timer for 5 minutes
- Watch the video
- Score your response



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Welcome! What category would you like to focus on? ×



Choose 1 of 10 options

**A** About Yourself: Framing Your Leadership

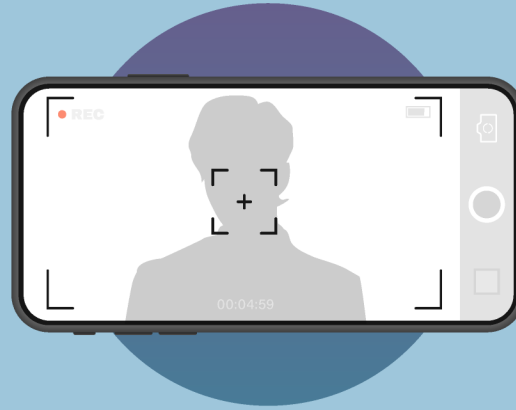
**B** Your Entry Plan: Creating Confidence

**C** Vision For Learning: Your Philosophy of Instruction



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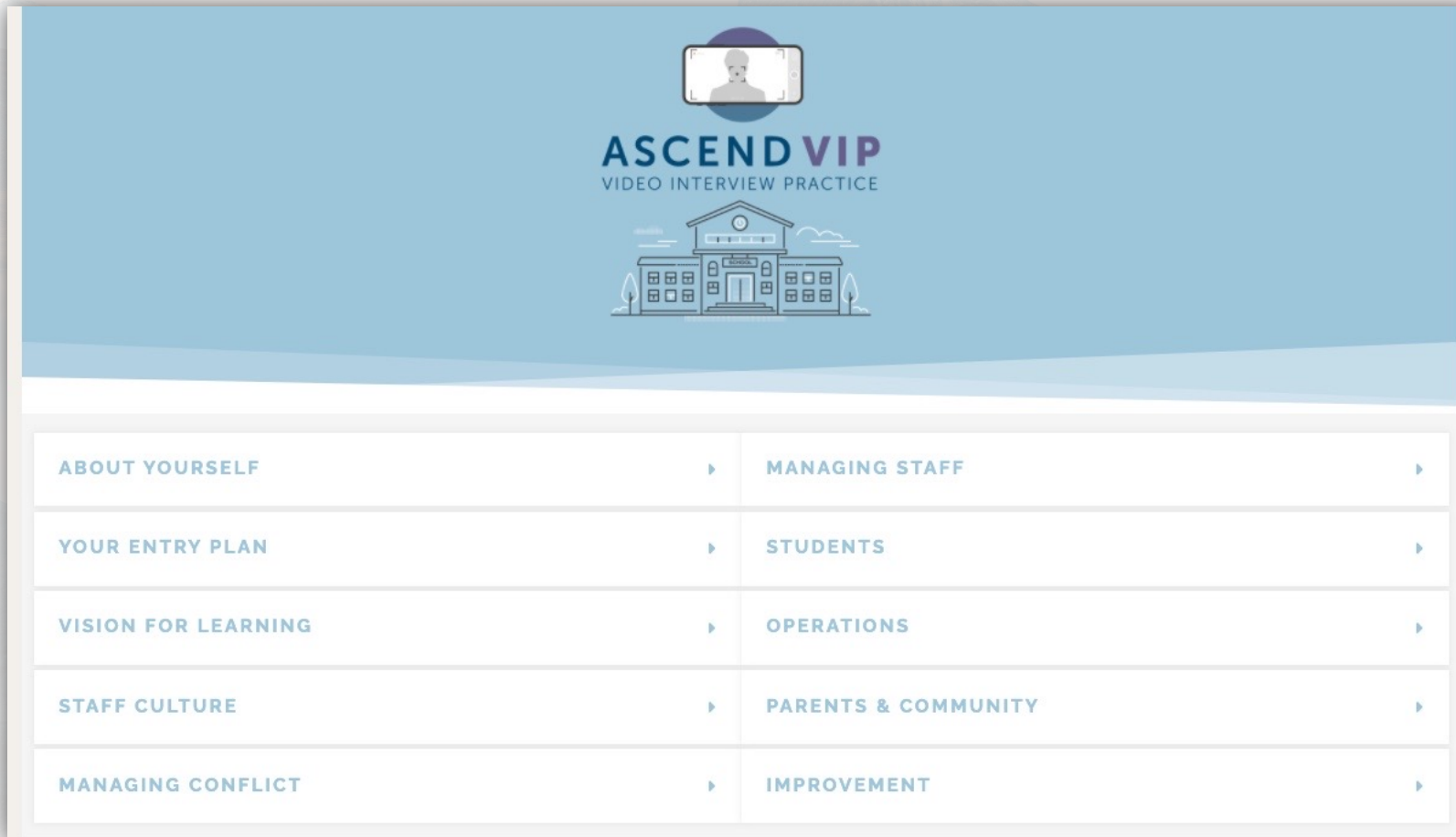
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# Cover Letter Generator



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# Cover Letter Generator

- Drag-and-drop template
- Multiple-choice phrases
- Fill-in-the-blank fields
- A.I. paraphrase





# Should I Use the Generator?



- Do you have a cover letter?
- Do you have data on its effectiveness yet?
- Interviews > 20% of the time? Keep using your letter + focus on interview prep
- Not enough data yet? Keep using your letter while working on a better one.



# Don't Let It Stop You



- If you have an application deadline coming up, meet it—don't let “I haven't used the Generator yet” be an excuse
- Use the best letter you have, until you have a new one to test
- Keep making it better with every application