

Rising School Administrator Academy

Partner FAQ

1. What is the Rising School Administrator Academy?

The Rising School Administrator Academy is a cohort-based learning experience that supports educational professionals transitioning or beginning to serve in building-level administrative leadership roles, such as assistant principal or principal. The academy is designed for educators moving from non-administrative roles (including teachers, instructional coaches, counselors, or deans) as well as early career administrators seeking to strengthen their practice. It focuses on the mindset transition and systems-level thinking required for successful school leadership.

2. How is this academy different from traditional administrative certification programs?

Certification programs typically emphasize leadership theory and the duties of administrators. This academy instead centers on the *transition* into administration, helping participants reshape their professional identity, strengthen self-awareness, apply practical interpersonal leadership skills, and understand schoolwide systems from a leader's perspective.

3. Who is the intended audience?

This academy is ideal for:

- Rising assistant principals and principals.
- Teacher leaders considering administrative roles.
- Coaches, counselors, and deans preparing for role transition.
- Early-career assistant principals and principals seeking to strengthen their practice.
- Educators preparing to move from peer-based influence to positional leadership.

4. Is this “AVID training”?

While AVID is creating and hosting the academy, its content is not AVID-specific nor AVID-focused.

5. What is the cost to participate in the Academy?

- A 12-week virtual national cohort (September 2026–December 2026) - \$999.00
- A customizable, district-based in-house model with a flexible schedule and structure to accommodate district schedules and needs - \$34,999 for 30 participants

6. What topics and skills does the academy explore?

During the Academy, participants will:

- Establish foundational leadership skills by focusing on the transition into administration and understanding positional authority.
- Deepen relational leadership through building trust, strengthening resilience, and navigating the interpersonal dynamics of school leadership.
- Apply practical leadership strategies that center equity, empower others, and foster shared responsibility across the school community.
- Sustain a positive school culture through recognition, celebration, and modeling professionalism.
- Strengthen self-management and growth practices to maintain long-term effectiveness, well-being, and impact as a school leader.

7. What makes this academy valuable?

The academy reduces the gap many rising leaders experience between earning certification and being *ready* to lead. It prepares future and early-career administrators to:

- Enter positions with clarity, confidence, and self-awareness.
- Contribute more quickly and effectively to school improvement efforts.
- Understand the complex dynamics of school systems.
- Minimize transition-related challenges that can affect school culture and performance.

8. How do participants register?

Individual participants can register online through [MyAVID](#). Districts should complete the [interest form](#).