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What is the AVID Certified Educator Renewal process?

This five-year renewal process is designed to guide educators through intentional goal setting and sustained implementation of AVID's Foundations of Instruction: creating effective learning environments, fostering positive relationships, employing diagnostic teaching, clarifying learning objectives, and strategically designing lessons. The process concludes in year five with a comprehensive reflection on the journey.

Why is renewal important?

Renewal is more than renewing your status; it's a **celebration of growth and excellence**. It demonstrates your commitment to AVID methodologies, student success, and continuous improvement in the Foundations of Instruction.

What are the educator's responsibilities during the 5-year cycle?

To maintain AVID Certified status, educators annually review and refine goals aligned with the Foundations of Instruction, sharing progress during optional virtual sessions. They are encouraged to extend their impact beyond the classroom through activities such as leading professional learning, mentoring colleagues, or presenting at conferences. In the fifth year, the process culminates in a personal reflection on impact, growth, and future goals

What is AVID Center's role in the renewal process?

AVID Center supports educators throughout the certification journey by providing resources and opportunities to connect as a cohort, hosting optional annual virtual sessions for goal sharing, reflection, and celebrations shared by participants in their AVID Certified Educators Portfolio.

What does the yearly timeline look like?

In the fall, educators review and refine goals related to personal reflection, applying the Foundations of Instruction, and extending impact beyond the classroom, preparing to share progress in the spring. During the spring, they may join an optional synchronous meeting to share and adjust goals. Throughout the five-year journey educators collect artifacts that will help them to reflect on their growth over time in a culminating written reflection.



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What should personal culminating reflection include?

Length: **500–750 words**

The personal culminating reflection should be 500–750 words and address four key areas: Impact—how AVID certification influenced your teaching and students, supported by both qualitative and quantitative examples, as well as specific ways you extended your influence beyond the classroom (e.g., leading professional development, serving on leadership teams, presenting at conferences, mentoring, or opening your classroom for observation); Growth—how your application of AVID’s Foundations of Instruction evolved over the five years; Purpose—your ‘why’ for continuing AVID work; and Vision—your goals for the next five years, illustrated with examples, student stories, or key moments from your AVID journey. All materials are submitted through the **AVID Certified Educator Recertification Portal** for review by AVID Center.

	YEARS 1-4	YEAR 5
Fall Semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Goal Review and Planning: Review, revise, and document goals each year focused on personal reflection, application of the Foundations of Instruction, and impact beyond the classroom. Develop a five-year plan that guides annual goal-setting and reflection.	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Reflection: Complete a culminating reflection that captures your professional journey over five years, including growth, instructional impact, and future goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Artifacts of Practice: Curate and share a collection of artifacts collected over the five-year period that demonstrate progress toward goals and evidence of impact on students.
Spring Semester	<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Cohort Reconnection: Participate in an optional synchronous virtual meeting each spring to reconnect with your cohort, share reflections, artifacts, and goals for continued refinement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Celebration: Attend a synchronous, virtual meeting to share your Personal Reflection, celebrate with your ACE community, and learn about the latest refinements to the ACE journey.
Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Artifacts of Practice: Collect artifacts over the five-year period that demonstrate progress toward goals and evidence of impact on students.	



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Celebrate Your Growth. Elevate Your Impact.

The AVID Certified Educator Renewal process is a five-year journey of professional growth and impact. Through intentional goal setting, ongoing application of AVID's Foundations of Instruction, and activities that extend influence beyond the classroom, educators demonstrate their commitment to student success and continuous improvement. Supported by AVID Center resources and collaborative opportunities, the process culminates in a reflective celebration of growth and future goals

Your Journey Includes:

- ✓ Continued connection and networking with your ACE cohort and extended ACE community
- ✓ Annual goal setting
- ✓ Celebration of Foundations of Instruction in action
- ✓ Activities that amplify your impact beyond the classroom
- ✓ Ongoing reflection that tells your story of growth and purpose

What's Next?

After completing your initial certification, you will be enrolled in a five-year renewal course designed to support continued growth and connection within the ACE community. During this time, you will engage in ongoing reflection and curate artifacts that demonstrate your sustained commitment to modeling the AVID Foundations of Instruction in your practice.

Your initial ACE digital badge is valid for five years. At the end of the five-year renewal cycle, completion of the renewal requirements allows you to regenerate your digital badge, reflecting your continued growth and active certification.

AVID Center is here to support you with resources, tools, and a connected experience. Together, we'll keep raising the bar for teaching and learning.