



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who should be encouraged to apply?

Any classroom teacher who will benefit from deep learning around the AVID Foundations of Instruction and apply that learning and reflection to represent the practices and environment of a model classroom. For the Instructional Coaching cohort, applicants should be actively serving in a coaching role and supporting at least one classroom educator, applying the AVID Foundations of Instruction to coaching practices across the school community.

2. What are the benefits for participants?

In addition to professional growth and connection with a cohort of educators, participants receive a digital badge representing 62.5 hours of learning and application. They also have the opportunity to register for 5 university credits upon completion and will be recognized as thought leaders within the AVID community.

3. How much will university credits cost?

AVID is working with its university credit partner to offer graduate-level credit for completion of the program. The anticipated cost is \$395 for 5 semester units, with enrollment available at the end of the cohort.

4. What is the time commitment for this cohort?

Participants complete 21.5 hours of synchronous learning and approximately 41 hours of asynchronous learning. Synchronous learning includes a three-day launch session (4.5 hours per day) and four 2-hour collaborative sessions. Asynchronous time is used for reflection and application between sessions.

5. Can I switch to a different cohort if my availability changes?

Participants are expected to remain with their assigned cohort due to the importance of collaboration and community building. In limited cases, one collaborative session may be attended on a different day if space is available.

6. What if I am unable to attend one collaborative session?

Participants must attend at least 90% of synchronous sessions. This allows for missing one collaborative session or one day of the launch while still maintaining eligibility for certification.



7. What are the requirements for certification?

Participants must attend at least 90% of synchronous sessions, complete at least 90% of required assignments, and successfully complete the capstone project.

8. What are the requirements of the capstone project?

The capstone project demonstrates mastery of the three performance objectives and includes goal setting for continued growth in those areas.

9. How long does certification last?

Certification is valid for 5 years. Renewal will involve reflection using the Foundations of Instruction rubric and continued collaboration within the AVID Certified Educator community.

10. Could I lose certification within the 5-year period?

The initial certification badge remains valid for the full 5 years. Status is only reassessed during the [renewal process](#) in the fifth year.

11. When will applicants be notified of acceptance decisions?

Applicants will be notified by April 30.

12. If accepted, what are the next steps?

Accepted applicants will receive instructions to register. Payment is due July 1, 2026, and onboarding communication begins about one month before the cohort launch.

13. What is the process for payment/registration?

Accepted applicants will receive a registration window through MyAVID where they can complete registration and payment by July 1, 2026.

14. What is the deadline for requesting a refund?

Please refer to the AVID Rest Assured policy and locate the AVID Certified Educator section.



15. Can professional learning vouchers be used for registration?

Yes. A single voucher for hosting an official AVID Showcase can cover the cost of one educator's participation. Refund vouchers from unused events may also be applied.

16. How do I apply a professional learning voucher?

After acceptance and registration on MyAVID, you will receive a confirmation email with your registration number. Email avidregistration@avid.org with the voucher, your request, and the registration number.

17. If I completed all AVID Elective Teacher CoPs, am I already certified?

No. Participating in Communities of Practice results in being AVID trained. Certification requires completion of the full 9-month AVID Certified Educator program.