

NATCON 2025

AVID National Conference

December 11–13, 2025 | San Diego, CA
Manchester Grand Hyatt

You're Invited!

AVID Leadership Forum

December 11, 2025 | 8:00–11:05 am

Join this event for superintendents, district directors, principals, site coordinators, and key implementers—available with paid National Conference registration.



Opening Session Leadership Panel

Kick off the Leadership Forum learning from a dynamic panel of AVID leaders—site coordinator, principal, district director, and superintendent, hosted by **Michael McCormick, AVID's Superintendent in Residence**.

Hear insights, challenges, and strategies for sustaining and scaling AVID across campuses and districts, then choose from two leadership-focused Professional Learning sessions to connect, learn and lead with fellow leaders.

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AVID Leadership Forum Agenda

7:30–8:00 am

Registration and Check-In

8:00–8:40 am

Opening and Leadership Panel

8:50–9:50 am

Professional Learning – Session 1

10:00–11:00 am

Professional Learning – Session 2

11:00–11:05 am

Closing

Ready to Register?

Use the link below to register for both AVID National Conference and the AVID Leadership Forum. Questions? Email AVIDCare@avid.org or call 1-833-AVID-CARE.

[Register Here](#)





AVIDized Instruction: There's More to it Than WICOR® Strategies

Presented by: **Brett Bowers and Gina Gamnis**

Room: **Harbor Ballroom G**

This session will introduce participants to the AVID Foundations of Instruction (FOI), a five-part, comprehensive structure that supports strong lesson design and a truly student-centered classroom. The Foundations of Instruction represent AVID's most current thinking around instruction and extend far beyond WICOR and instructional strategies. In addition to exploring each element of the FOI, participants will consider how to apply each element when designing professional learning, offering feedback to educators, and building a unified approach to improving teaching and learning across a campus or school district.



Breaking Barriers, Building Futures: Shifts to Empower Multilingual Learners

Presented by: **Sacha Bennett and Melissa Ganas**

Room: **Harbor Ballroom D**

Multilingual learners enrich schools with their diverse strengths, yet many encounter barriers that limit their opportunities. This session invites district and site leaders to explore four key shifts: expanding access to rigorous learning, building educator capacity, coordinating supports, and honoring students' identities to create systems where every multilingual learner can thrive.



Bridging Professional Learning to Practice: Driving Growth, Outcomes, and Impact

Presented by: **Shanda Martin, Christie McMullen, Tanya Taylor, and Clarissa Bennett**

Room: **Harbor Ballroom I**

Bridging Professional Learning to Practice: Driving Growth, Outcomes, and Impact is a dynamic session designed for principals, District Directors, and district-level leaders to strengthen the connection between professional learning (PL) and impactful classroom practice. Participants will engage in a system-focused approach to ensure PL is intentional, aligned, and measurable. Leaders will clarify the classroom practices they expect to see, determine how to monitor them effectively, and identify the data that tells the right story of student growth and system impact. By anchoring efforts to essential student skills and creating action plans that address gaps, this session empowers leaders to not only define what successful implementation looks like but also to replicate and sustain that success across teams and campuses.



Lead With Site Teams: Leveraging AVID Tools and Teams for Impact

Presented by: **Brooke Watkins, Mike Mozingo, and Dr. Terrell Awak**

Room: **Harbor Ballroom H**

Are you ready to streamline your efforts and drive meaningful change on your campus? This dynamic session is designed for principals and district leaders who want to maximize the power of AVID Site Teams and implementation tools to create actionable plans. Learn how to connect Site Team work to AVID's implementation models; align efforts with school and district improvement plans and goals; and lead implementation with purpose. We'll showcase AVID certification instruments, offering practical strategies to empower your teams and prioritize campus needs. You'll walk away with tools, insights, and a clear roadmap to position Site Teams for continuous improvement and high-quality AVID implementation.



Leveraging AVID as a System Driver in School Improvement

Presented by: **Rachel Henley, Evan Skloot, Jacob Bretz, and MaryEllen Bunton**

Room: **Harbor Ballroom F**

This session will explore strategies for utilizing school improvement funds and deepening AVID implementation through strategic integration. We will share how to activate AVID as a system driver through state accountability and school improvement structures, even amidst legislative uncertainty. Case studies highlighting success will provide key insights and inform next steps for your school or district.



Leveraging AVID Elementary for Increased Impact

Presented by: **Laura Valdez and Pam Leibring**

Room: **Harbor Ballroom E**

Just as geese fly in formation—each bird lifting and supporting the lead bird— AVID Elementary can help drive and strengthen your campus priorities. In this interactive session, participants will explore three common elementary initiatives and see how AVID strategies and resources can boost practices and student achievement. You'll leave with practical ideas and begin developing a personalized plan to position AVID for maximum impact on an elementary campus.