

AVID Certified Educator Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who should be encouraged to apply?

Any classroom teacher who will benefit from the deep learning around the AVID Foundations of Instruction and will apply that learning and reflection to represent the practices and environment of a model classroom for the AVID Foundations of Instruction.

2. What are the benefits for the participants?

In addition to professional growth and connection with a cohort of educators, participants will receive a digital badge that accounts for 62.5 hours of learning and application time. Participants will also have the opportunity to register for 5 university credits upon completion. AVID Certified Educators will be leveraged as thought leaders in the AVID community. Additional benefits are listed on our [webpage](#).

3. What is the time commitment for this cohort?

Participants will engage in 21.5 hours of synchronous time and approximately 41 hours of asynchronous time. Synchronous time consists of a three-day session of 4.5 hours per day to launch the cohort during the summer and four 2-hour collaborative sessions. Asynchronous time is for reflection and application of the learning in between sessions.

4. Can I switch to a different cohort if my availability changes during the year?

It will be important to stay with the same cohort, based on group interactions and community building. There may be an opportunity to attend one collaborative session on a different day if there is space available. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

5. What if I am unable to attend one of the collaborative sessions?

Attendance is required for at least 90% of the hours of synchronous sessions. You will be able to miss one collaborative session or one day of the launch and still be certified.

6. What are the requirements for certification?

Attendance at a minimum of 90% of the hours of synchronous sessions.

Completion of at least 90% of the required assignments.

Successful completion of the capstone project.

All assignments will be peer reviewed by collaborative groups and graded by facilitators, based on a rubric, tailored to each assignment.

7. What are the requirements of the capstone project?

The capstone project will consist of demonstration of each of the three performance objectives as well as setting goals for continued commitment in each of those areas:

- Demonstrate routine application of the AVID Foundations of Instruction to create a daily classroom experience that results in the student outcomes outlined in the AVID CCR Framework.
- Engage in continuous professional reflection on identified focus areas from the AVID Foundations of Instruction to manifest the AVID College and Career Readiness Framework.
- Build relational capacity within a professional network, that develops collective educator agency and supports one another's successes.

8. How long does the certification last?

Certification will be valid for 5 years. We are developing a renewal process that will include ongoing reflection based on the Foundations of Instruction rubric, along with continued opportunities for collaboration and networking within the AVID Certified Educator community.

9. Could I ever lose my certification status within that 5-year period?

The initial AVID Certified Educator badge, issued upon completion of the initial program, will be valid for 5 years. Certification status will not be reassessed until the 5th year during the renewal process.

10. What is the process for payment/registration?

Accepted applicants will have a window from February 24–March 28, 2025, in which to register and pay on MyAVID. Payment will be due by July 6, 2025.

11. What is the deadline to request a full refund if I'm no longer able to commit?

The deadline is July 6, 2025.

12. Can professional learning vouchers that are received for hosting an official AVID Showcase be used for the full registration fee for AVID Certified Educators?

Yes. A single professional learning voucher for hosting an official AVID Showcase will cover the cost of one educator participating in the AVID Certified Educator program.

In addition, vouchers that have been issued as a refund for events that were not attended can also be applied to the registration fees for AVID Certified Educator.

13. When will applicants be notified of acceptance decisions?

Applicants will be notified during the first week of February 2025.

14. If I am accepted, what are the next steps?

You will receive communication with instructions to register between February and March. Payment will be due July 6 and you will receive information via email to begin engaging with the cohort one month prior to the launch start date.

15. If I have been through all three AVID Elective Teacher CoPs, am I already an AVID Certified Educator?

No. Participating in CoPs through AVID Summer Institute™, AVID Path to Schoolwide®, and AVID Ignite® results in being AVID trained. The only way to become an AVID Certified Educator is to successfully complete the full, 9-month AVID Certified Educator experience.

16. Can coaches or administrators participate?

At this time, there is a requirement to be a current classroom teacher in order to participate. This is based on the focus on direct classroom application and demonstration. You can find a full list of application requirements on our [webpage](#).