Technology Checklist for Communities of Practice

All AVID Professional Learning Communities of Practice (CoPs) incorporate technology. Please use the information below to ensure that the district allows access to key technology and device requirements and for additional information about the digital tools that you will be utilizing during your learning experience. The following specifications describe the technical standards officially supported by AVID and its online learning partners. If your system does not meet these requirements, you may still be able to access the online modules, but you may experience technical issues when running the courseware. **Please note that districts and/or individuals must provide their own computer devices.**

Follow these requirements and recommendations to ensure a seamless experience.

- **Web Browsers Supported:** Latest version of Google Chrome, Edge, or Firefox. **Chrome** or **Edge** are the preferred browsers; Firefox is an alternate version. Your browser should also have JavaScript and cookies enabled, and your pop-up blocker should be turned off. Features are generally enabled by default; you should consult with your IT department if you suspect that they may have been disabled for some reason.
- **Desktop Operating Systems Supported:** Latest versions of Windows/Mac/Chrome operating systems.
- **Unacceptable Devices:** iPad minis, iPads, Kindle or Galaxy tablets, and smartphones
- **Network Requirements:** A network connection with a minimum speed of 3 Mbps is recommended; 5 Mbps or higher is ideal.
- **Web Filter Allowlist:**
  - Please check with your IT department about access to the following domains and apps prior to attending the AVID Professional Learning session:
    - *AVID.org*: *Including *AVID.org* in the district's allowlist will allow access to websites such as https://my.avid.org/*
    - AVID.instructure.com
    - Canvas LMS: This forum post contains URLs to allowlist
    - BigBlueButton: Check requirements
    - Vimeo Video Service: System Requirements
    - YouTube

Ensure that there is access to the following domains and apps:

• **AnswerGarden**	• **Canva**	• **Genially**	• **MakeCode Arcade**	• **PhET**
• **AWL Highlighter**	• **Classroomscreen**	• **Google Workspace**	• **Microsoft 365**	• **Quizizz**
• **Bee-Bot Online**	• **Code.org**	• **Immersive Reader**	• **Open Middle**	• **Scratch**
• **BioInteractive**	• **Desmos**	• **Kahoot!**	• **Padlet**	• **ScratchJr**
• **Blooket**	• **Formative**	• **Kami**		

Accounts do not need to be created in advance; only ensure that the site/tool is on the district allowlist and operating systems/applications are fully updated.

In addition, several Communities of Practice, especially the Digital Teaching and Learning (DTL) CoP, will access the following AI domains and apps:

• **Adobe Firefly**	• **Claude 2**	• **Gemini powered by Google**	• **Lumio**	• **Microsoft Copilot**
• **Animoto**	• **Curipod**	• **ImageFX powered by Google**	• **MagicSchool**	• **SchoolAI**
• **Book Creator**	• **DALL-E 2**		• **Microsoft Image Creator**	
• **ChatGPT**	• **FigJam**			

- **Software Recommendations:**
  - Fully patched machine—all updates sent out by the vendor/company have been installed, so the operating system is fully updated
  - Firewall and antivirus/anti-malware updated and enabled
- **Additional Needs:**
  - Microphone and camera connected to the device
  - Headphones