

New Instructional Coaches Cohort for 24-25

What does it mean to be a Instructional Coach? What is my job description? What am I supposed to be doing? How do I get started? What skills do I need to work on? Who can I turn to with questions? Taking on a new role can be a daunting task, and often we find ourselves with more questions than answers. If you are new to the Instructional Coaching role or have found the coaching job isolating, come join the SMCAA staff and fellow coaching newbies as we embark on a journey of exploring the role and world of instructional coaching. This year-long event will consist of two 1-on-1 meetings done at the beginning and end of the school year, and eight virtual webinars. All webinars will be recorded, once they have concluded you will receive a recording of the session for reference.

***Topics may be adjusted based on the needs of the participants. ***

2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

July/August

- 1 on 1 Virtual Visit – Pending SMCAA Staff Availability, this visit may be scheduled in person. Any travel expenses incurred would be charged to the district.
- Focus area(s)
 - Getting to know each other and setting goals
 - Challenges, questions you may have in the new role
 - The importance of defining the work coaches will do.

September 17th – Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus Area(s): Instructional Coaching is a Partnership

October 15th – Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): Communication skills, including feedback

October 29-30 SMCAA Fall Conference – Registration Discount available to all Cohort Enrollees

November 4th – Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): The purpose and impact of assessments in coaching

December 10th – Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): Data Analysis Protocols for working with teachers

January 21st – Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): Instructional Strategies and Curriculum implementation

February 11th– Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): Moving towards State testing time

February Date TBA – 2025 Winter Symposium - Registration Discount available to all Cohort Enrollees

March 12th– Virtual Meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): Overcoming the obstacles coach's encounter

April 8th - Virtual meeting – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Focus area(s): The impact of legislation on classroom coaching

May – Dates individually scheduled

- Focus area(s)
 - 1 on 1 follow-up Virtual Visit – Pending SMCAA Staff Availability, this visit may be scheduled in person. Any travel expenses incurred would be charged to the district.

June 17th - Virtual Meeting - 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

- Focus area(s)
 - Planning for the next school year
 - Reflecting on this past year