



New Instructional Coaches Cohort for 25-26

What does it mean to be an 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. ***

2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Focus Areas
July/August	TBD	1-1 Virtual visit Focus Areas: Getting to know each other, setting goals; challenges and questions you may have; the importance of defining the work you do
Sept 9, 2025	9:00 - 11:00	Instructional Coaching is a Partnership
Oct 14, 2025	9:00 - 11:00	Communication Skills (Including Feedback)
Oct 30-31, 2025		<i>Fall Conference</i>
Nov 18, 2025	9:00 - 11:00	The Purpose and Impact of Assessments in Coaching
Dec 9, 2025	9:00 - 11:00	Data Analysis Protocols for Working with Teachers
Jan 13, 2026	9:00 - 11:00	Instructional Strategies and Curriculum Implementation
Feb 3, 2026	9:00 - 11:00	Moving Towards State Testing Time
March 3, 2026	9:00 - 11:00	Overcoming the Obstacles Coaches Encounter
April 14, 2026	9:00 - 11:00	The Impact of Legislation on Classroom Coaching
May	TBD	1-1 Follow-Up Virtual Visit
June	TBD	