

New, Aspiring and Veteran Instructional Coaches Cohort 2026-2027

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? How do I get staff to listen to me? How can I work alongside building administrators Who can I turn to with questions? We often find that we have more questions than answers. This Cohort is for those new, aspiring, and veteran coaches that need a group of like minds to share new ideas and what works in this unique position. If you are new to the Instructional Coaching role, interested in working in this role, or you are a veteran that could use support and willing to share ideas, come join the SMCAA staff and colleagues as we explore the role and the world of instructional coaching. This event will consist of a short “one-on-one get to know you” virtual session, then quarterly full day virtual meetings/trainings. You can also schedule two 1-on-1 coaching meetings during the school year to meet your needs. All meetings will be recorded and at the conclusion of each meeting you will receive a recording for reference.

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

2026-2027 Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Focus Areas
July/August	Scheduled	Individual “get to know you” short sessions and to gather any questions or topics that you may want to cover
Session One: September 23, 2026	9am – 2pm	Duties Associated with the IC Role. Influence without Authority. Overview of Observation and Feedback. RSP’s. What about Data?
Coaching Sessions		As scheduled
Session Two: December 9, 2026	9am – 2pm	Observation and Feedback for Curriculum Fidelity. Questions and discussion about MAP/EOC (NO. It’s not too early). Study on the coaches’ work in instruction and formative assessment
Coaching Sessions		As scheduled
Session Three: February 10, 2027	9am – 2pm	Adjusting how we approach common planning time and data meetings. Planning your summer months: Gathering data, Curriculum updates, Staff training and more
Coaching Sessions		As scheduled
Session Four: April 28, 2027	9am – 2pm	Calendars and schedules. Planning for next year. What about resource adoption?
Coaching Sessions		As scheduled