

AVID®

# Summer Institute

# 2026

**Rooted in Growth.  
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Justification Kit



# Invest in Learning. Deliver on Priorities.

AVID Summer Institute™ is an opportunity to transform classrooms and elevate student success. This 3-day experience equips educators with practical strategies, proven tools, and collaborative support to foster college and career readiness for every student. Through dynamic Communities of Practice, an inspiring General Session, and dedicated Site Team collaboration, participants gain skills that directly advance school and district priorities.

This Justification Kit is designed to help you secure approval and funding to attend. Inside, you'll find key messaging, event details, and customizable tools that demonstrate how your participation benefits students, strengthens your team, and aligns with your organization's goals.

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# Talking Points

## Emphasize the Value of Attendance

- AVID Summer Institute gives educators practical strategies they can use right away. Participants leave with tools that help every student prepare for college and career.
- Attending supports school and district goals. Summer Institute aligns with priorities like opportunity, access, and student success.
- Summer Institute creates space to connect with peers in similar roles. Participants build relationships, share insights, and strengthen professional networks that support ongoing growth and collaboration.

## Connect Summer Learning to School-Year Readiness

- Summer learning accelerates progress. Teams leave with shared strategies and actionable plans that create momentum for the year ahead.
- Communities of Practice offer focused learning. Participants deepen expertise in areas like literacy, math, college readiness, and leadership to meet diverse student needs.





# Talking Points

## Highlight Flexibility and Accessibility

- Summer Institute happens in multiple locations across the country. Flexible dates and venues make travel and scheduling easier for schools and districts.
- Training fits every experience level. Foundational and advanced Communities of Practice ensure first-time and returning participants receive relevant and impactful professional learning.
- Leadership sessions are available. One-day options help district and site leaders align AVID strategies with broader goals.
- Summer Institute offers learning opportunities for every educator and every subject. Sessions are designed for teachers, counselors, administrators, and district leaders across all content areas—including subjects and electives like CTE and PE.

## Show Alignment With Organizational Priorities

- AVID Summer Institute supports district goals for college and career readiness. School teams return with shared strategies and plans that drive improvement across the district.
- Participation builds educator skills and teamwork. It strengthens teaching practices that prepare students for life after high school.
- Attending shows a commitment to equity and opportunity. AVID's mission is to ensure every student has access to rigorous, supportive learning environments.

# Talking Points

## Frame Attendance as an Investment

- Summer Institute is an investment in student success. The strategies learned lead to stronger student engagement, achievement, and readiness.
- When teachers and leaders attend together, the impact grows. Schools and districts see better implementation and measurable results.
- The benefits outweigh the cost. Increased student success and educator effectiveness deliver lasting value.





# The Summer Institute Experience

## 2026 Summer Institutes

**Dallas, TX:** June 15–17, 2026

**Sacramento, CA:** June 15–17, 2026

**Orlando, FL:** June 15–17, 2026

**Tampa, FL:** June 22–24, 2026

**San Diego 1, CA:** June 29 – July 1, 2026

**San Antonio, TX:** July 7–9, 2026

**Anaheim, CA:** July 15–17, 2026

★ **Kansas City, MO:** July 22–24, 2026 ★

**San Diego 2, CA:** August 3–5, 2026



### 2026 Marquee Summer Institute:

### Kansas City, MO, July 22–24

In 2026, AVID's Marquee Summer Institute comes to Kansas City! Educators will experience dynamic Communities of Practice, an energizing General Session, and focused Site Team planning of an SI event, flavored by the host city's unique character. In Kansas City, that means jazz, barbecue, and vibrant culture. Join us at the state-of-the-art convention center as we work together to advance college and career readiness for every student.

# The Summer Institute Experience

## SI Pop-Up

### The full 3-day AVID Summer Institute experience closer to home

Hosted on college campuses, these events offer the same powerful learning opportunities as Summer Institute, including Communities of Practice, General Session, and dedicated Site Team planning.

Teams gain practical tools and aligned plans to create engaging, student-centered classrooms and advance college and career readiness for all students—without the need for extensive travel.



## 2026 SI Pop-Ups

**South Bend, IN:** July 20-22, 2026

**Norfolk, VA:** July 28-30, 2026

[More info at avid.org](https://www.avid.org)

# What to Expect at Summer Institute

## Communities of Practice

Communities of Practice (CoPs) are the core of professional learning at AVID Summer Institute. These collaborative sessions equip educators, whether new to AVID or seasoned leaders, with practical strategies to empower students and accelerate success. With options for every role and experience level, CoPs ensure participants leave ready to make an immediate impact in classrooms, schools, and districts.

[Explore all 2026 SI CoPs](#)



## Dedicated Site Team Time

Dedicated Site Team time gives educators space to turn learning into action. Teams work together to set shared goals and lay the foundation for AVID implementation, while individual participants reflect and plan how to apply strategies in their own roles. This time ensures alignment and coherence so teams start the year ready to make an impact.



# What to Expect at Summer Institute



## One-Day District Leadership CoP

Join district leaders from across the nation for a focused day of learning that strengthens AVID implementation and advances college and career readiness for all students. This session is designed for district leaders beginning their AVID journey or enhancing districtwide systems, offering strategies that align with strategic plans and sustain success through the four AVID Schoolwide Domains: Instruction, Systems, Leadership, and Culture.

[Learn More about this CoP](#)

## General Session

General Session brings AVID's mission to life by connecting student voice, educator practice, and leadership purpose. Through authentic stories and inspiring performances, participants explore what students need most and how intentional choices create opportunities for success.



# Other Learning Opportunities

Can't make it to Summer Institute? You still have powerful ways to grow your practice and prepare for student success. Explore these options designed to fit your schedule and goals.



## AVID Virtual Live™

Bring real-time, interactive professional learning to your screen—no travel required. Connect with expert facilitators and peers nationwide in sessions that fit your schedule and fuel your growth. Choose from up to 17 Communities of Practice aligned to your goals and gain strategies that spark student success and schoolwide impact.

**Find Out More &  
See Current Schedule**



## AVID Path to Schoolwide™

Empower your team with proven AVID strategies through customizable trainings that strengthen instruction, leadership, systems, and culture. Designed for all educators—teachers, counselors, and leaders across every subject—Path to Schoolwide fulfills AVID certification requirements with flexible formats that fit your calendar. Host locally or regionally for an efficient, cost-effective solution that builds alignment and impact.

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# Summer Institute Pricing Options





**Registration begins Tuesday, February 10, at 7 a.m. PT**

## Member Pricing\*

-  **Early Bird: \$1,099**  
(Ends May 1)
-  **Regular Pricing: \$1,199**  
(Ends 3 weeks prior to event start date)
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## Non-Member Pricing\*

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# Funding Resources



Investing in AVID professional learning creates lasting impact. To make it affordable, we've gathered funding options—from federal and state programs to local grants—so you can find the right fit for your needs.



## Federal Funding

Federal programs like Title I–V under ESSA and Perkins V can help fund professional development, including AVID. Our website offers guides to navigate these options, and your district office can provide details specific to your area.



## State and District Initiatives

In addition to district general funds, each state offers its own education funding for particular state priorities that AVID professional learning can support, from dual enrollment to CTE. Explore options on your state education agency website and check with your district for additional programs or initiatives.



## Foundations and Corporate Grants

Foundations, corporations, and local businesses often offer grants to support K–12 education and AVID implementation. Partner with your district's grant office or development team to identify and pursue these opportunities.



## Teacher Grants and Funding Opportunities

Educators can often access grants for classroom innovation and professional learning. Our website features programs that help cover AVID training and materials.



[Learn More about Funding Resources](#)





# Sample Letter: Request for Approval



Subject: Request for Approval to Attend AVID Summer Institute in [City], [Date]

Dear [Recipient Name],

I am requesting approval to attend the AVID Summer Institute in [City] on [Date]. This 3-day professional learning experience will provide practical strategies I can use immediately to help every student prepare for college and career success.

Summer Institute offers hands-on learning through dynamic Communities of Practice tailored to my role and experience level. These sessions will strengthen my ability to [insert customization (e.g., connect to district or school priorities, such as strategic plans, school improvement goals, or other initiatives).

This event helps me start the school year strong. Summer Institute is dedicated and focused time to plan and align strategies before students return, ensuring readiness and reducing the need for catch-up later. AVID Summer Institute supports district goals for college and career readiness and builds educator capacity to drive improvement across schools.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that attending will advance our shared priorities and deliver lasting value for our students and community.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Position]

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# Sample Presentation: Request for Approval



[Insert City, Date you're requesting approval for]

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# One Pager



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August 3–5

A three-day learning experience where educators grow skills that elevate student success. Teams collaborate, plan, and leave ready to advance school and district priorities.

## The Power of SI



**Actionable Strategies**



**Aligned to Priorities**



**Hands-On Learning**



**Team Collaboration**



**Flexible Options**



**Long-Term Impact**

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