

2026–2027 ND RISE Coaches Academy

Build a Strong Foundation for Your New Instructional Coaches

Is your district welcoming a new instructional coach this year?

The **ND RISE Coaches Academy** provides new instructional coaches with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to succeed. Participants will:

- Develop a strong foundation in instructional coaching.
- Learn practical, research-based coaching strategies.
- Build confidence in supporting teachers.
- Connect with a statewide network of instructional coaches.

Application Deadline

 **Applications are due September 4, 2026.**

Interested participants must complete the [online application available here](#) and on the **ND RISE website**.

Partnership with the Instructional Coaching Group

We are excited to partner with the **Instructional Coaching Group (ICG)** to deliver this year's academy. ICG brings internationally recognized expertise in instructional coaching grounded in **Jim Knight's Impact Cycle** research and framework.

Academy Schedule

September 28, 2026 - Impact Cycle – Day One

September 29, 2026 - Impact Cycle – Day Two

November 2, 2026 - Coaching for Engagement

November 3, 2026 - Better Conversations

December 7, 2026 (Online) - Data Rules

Participant Support

ND RISE is committed to removing barriers so coaches can fully participate.

Successful applicants will receive:

- ✓ Academy materials
- ✓ Hotel accommodations
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Mileage reimbursement
- ✓ Graduate/professional credit upon successful completion of the Academy



Facilitator

All sessions will be facilitated by **Dr. Mary Webb**.



Dr. Webb began her career in Texas as a fourth-grade and third-grade teacher before serving as a school librarian and campus administrator. With more than 19 years of leadership experience as an assistant principal, principal, and Managing Director of Elementary Instruction, she partnered with the Instructional Coaching Group to build a comprehensive instructional coaching program in one of Texas's large suburban school districts. Her experience provides participants with practical, research-based strategies they can immediately apply in their own coaching practice.