

ND RISE Instructional Coaching Professional Learning

2026–2027 School Year

Whether you are **new to instructional coaching** or an **experienced coach looking to strengthen your practice**, ND RISE offers professional learning opportunities designed to support instructional coaches at every stage of their journey.

Through our partnership with the **Instructional Coaching Group (ICG)**, coaches will engage in research-based learning grounded in Jim Knight's **Impact Cycle**, equipping them with practical tools to support teacher growth and improve student learning.

ND RISE Coaches Academy

For New Instructional Coaches

The ND RISE Coaches Academy is designed for educators who are **new to an instructional coaching role** during the 2026–2027 school year.

Participants will:

- Build a strong foundation in instructional coaching.
- Learn Jim Knight's **Impact Cycle** coaching framework.
- Develop practical, research-based coaching strategies.
- Strengthen coaching conversations and communication skills.
- Connect with instructional coaches from across North Dakota.

Schedule

(In-person sessions held in Bismarck, ND)

- **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

Application Deadline: September 4, 2026 - [link to application](#)

ND RISE Coaches Academy: ICG Transition Cohort

For Previous Learning Forward Coaches Academy Graduates

This special one-time opportunity is designed for instructional coaches who completed the **ND RISE Coaches Academy through Learning Forward** prior to the **2025–2026 school year**.

Participants will:

- Experience the updated Instructional Coaching Group curriculum.
- Learn Jim Knight's **Impact Cycle** coaching framework.
- Refresh and expand their instructional coaching knowledge.
- Strengthen coaching conversations and instructional leadership.
- Reconnect with instructional coaches from across North Dakota.

Schedule

(In-person sessions held in Fargo, ND)

- **March 9, 2027** – Impact Cycle: Day One
- **March 10, 2027** – Impact Cycle: Day Two
- **April 19, 2027** – Coaching for Engagement
- **April 20, 2027** – Better Conversations
- **May 3, 2027 (Online)** – Data Rules

Application Deadline: January 8, 2027 - [link to application](#)

Participant Support

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

Successful applicants for either academy will receive:

- Academy materials

- Hotel accommodations
 - Meals
 - Mileage reimbursement
 - Graduate/professional credit upon successful completion
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Facilitator

Both learning opportunities will be facilitated by **Dr. Mary Webb**, an experienced instructional coach, former campus administrator, and nationally recognized consultant with the **Instructional Coaching Group**. Dr. Webb brings extensive experience helping districts build effective instructional coaching programs and provides practical, research-based strategies that participants can immediately apply in their work with teachers.

For application information and additional details, visit the **ND RISE website**.