

ISTA Academy: Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What is ISTA Academy?

A. ISTA Academy is a professional learning program designed to support Indiana educators with relevant, high-quality development opportunities. The Academy provides practical tools, leadership development and timely training to help educators grow in their careers and better serve students.

Q. What types of topics does ISTA Academy cover?

A. The platform will feature a diverse range of courses covering topics such as classroom management, special education, equity, educator wellness and other timely issues facing today's educators. Offerings will include nationally recognized courses from NEA's course catalog, as well as original courses developed by ISTA members, ensuring learning experiences that are high-quality, relevant and grounded in real-world educator experiences.

Q. Can I earn professional growth points (PGPs)?

A. Many ISTA Academy courses qualify for professional growth points (PGPs). Participants will receive documentation when applicable.

Q. How do I register?

A. If you are a first-time user, click REGISTER NOW listed to the top right side of the screen and follow the steps. Members who have already registered for the NEA Professional Excellence Portal (PEP) must register for the ISTA Academy with the same email address and password.

Q. How often does ISTA Academy add new courses?

A. ISTA Academy will offer new courses every month. Offerings may vary based on member needs, emerging issues and the academic calendar.

Q. Who can participate in ISTA Academy?

A. ISTA Academy is only open to ISTA members.

Q. Do members have the opportunity to propose course topics?

A. ISTA Academy is built around the needs and expertise of our members. If you have an idea for a course, training or workshop, you can submit your suggestion through the ISTA Academy webpage or link available on the ISTA Academy portal. Member input helps shape future Academy offerings and ensures our professional development remains relevant, timely and educator-driven.

Q. Who can I contact with questions?

A. If you have any questions or concerns, email istaacademy@ista-in.org.