2027 BEST Grantee Convening FAQ

Registration

Question: How many participants may a grantee register for the convening?

Answer: BEST initially offers ***ten (10) registrations for each Individual District Grantee and for each Consortium***. We expect some Grantees/Consortiums to register less participants. If your system wishes to register more than initially offered, please email best@k12.wa.us.

Question: When will registration be available?

Answer: On or before January 20, 2027, BEST will send out the registration form to all grantees. Grantee leaders will share this link with those whom they identify to attend. If you are a mentor or convening participant from a Grantee District, please reach out to your BEST Lead to get access to the 2027 BEST Grantee Convening Participant Registration Form. Registration will stay open until the convening opening session.

Question: What is the deadline for participant registration?

Answer: Registration for participants will stay open until the opening session of the convening.

Question: How will participants choose which sessions to attend?

Answer: Participants will be provided with all session topics in the registration form. Once registered, participants will receive all Zoom links to each session. Participants can plan to attend sessions based on their interests.

Question: If I am not employed by a BEST Grantee, may I still attend and how can I request registration information?

Answer: If there is registration space available, we will offer an opportunity for you to attend. Please reach out to BEST at best@k12.wa.us to request the registration link.

Meeting Access

Question: Where is the convening held?

Answer: This is a virtual convening. Participants will receive a Zoom link after registration.

Question: How do I access the zoom link for the sessions I wish to attend?

Answer: Following your registration, you will receive zoom links for all sessions via email. A complete program with zoom links for each session will be made available at the opening session on March 16th as well.

Question: Will the sessions be recorded?

Answer: The Convening will ***not*** be recorded. However, we will provide access to presentation resources and materials.

Question: Will session presentation materials be available and how might I access them?

Answer: Yes, presentation materials for sessions will be made available following the convening. BEST will share a link for participants to access the resource folder.

Clock Hours

Question: Are clock hours available and how might a participant access the clock hours?

Answer: Yes, ***4 clock hours*** will be awarded to registered participants with full attendance within two (2) weeks after the Convening. Participants wishing to receive clock hours must register on both the Participant Registration Form shared from BEST and pdEnroller. The link will also be shared in the confirmation email after registration.

Attendance will be verified by participation time recorded on Zoom. Participants will receive up to 4 hours from attending the Convening: four (4) hours if attending fully or one (1) hour from each presentation session.

*Reach out to your district BEST lead if you would like access to the registration form.

Convening Program

Question: What is the content of the Opening and Closing Sessions hosted by BEST and who should attend?

Answer: BEST suggests all attendees attend the opening and closing session. Please see the Convening Program for details of the content. Participants will receive convening logistical reminders and welcome messages during the opening session and will receive BEST program updates during the closing session hosted by BEST.

Question: What are session topics and who is the intended audience?

Answer: Please see the Convening Program. "Intended Audience" is listed for each presentation on the session schedule.

Question: What statewide Induction and Mentoring standards are aligned with the convening sessions?

Answer: Please see the Convening Program. Each presentation is connected to an Induction Standard and a Mentoring Standard if applicable.

Question: What should I bring to the convening?

Answer: Please bring your questions about integrating BEST, building a mentor cadre, and other problems of practice regarding Comprehensive Early Career Educator Induction. Sessions will include presentation time and collaborative time with other grantees.

Be prepared to select breakout rooms during convening sessions for collaboration time. Depending on the number of participants, breakout rooms will be offered by size of district. For example, if you are from a smaller district you would opt into "Smallish" breakout rooms. You get to define what size system you represent with these suggestions:

- "Smallish" - One school building serving K-12 or a system with two campuses.
- "Mediumish" - System serving one comprehensive high school with several middle and elementary schools.
- "Largish" - System with several comprehensive high schools and with several middle schools and elementary schools.

For any other questions, please contact the BEST team.