

## What Is IRIS?

IRIS develops and disseminates **free** online open educational resources (OERs) about evidence-based instructional and behavioral practices. Intended for use in personnel preparation and professional development (PD), these instructional resources are designed to help current and future educators improve the learning and behavioral outcomes of all students, especially struggling learners and those with disabilities.

### Trusted & Reliable

IRIS resources are frequently cited in research articles, newsletters, and online publications as reputable sources of information about evidence-based practices (EBPs).

## How Can IRIS Resources Benefit K–12 Educators & School Districts?

The IRIS Center's Web-based professional learning resources are designed to facilitate professional growth at either the district or the building level. Our resources—which include modules, case studies, activities, information briefs, and video vignettes—are the perfect way to provide flexible, accessible, and timely PD. Moreover, these resources:

- » Allow for sustained PD
- » Are appropriate for every educator, including K-12 general and special education teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and other support staff (e.g., substitutes, bus drivers, hallway/cafeteria monitors)
- » Allow for flexible use to meet the specific needs and interests of individual educators
- » Are accessible anywhere at any time and can be completed at the individual educator's preferred pace
- » Cover numerous topics relevant to today's educators in a way that is in-depth but approachable
- » Focus on evidence-based instructional and behavioral practices as well as data-based decision making
- » Can be used in face-to-face PD, collaborative settings, or professional learning communities (PLCs)

## How Do IRIS Modules Align with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)?

Our signature resource, the IRIS STAR Legacy Modules:

- » Allow self-guided, self-paced individualized learning
- » Are grounded in adult learning theory
- » Are carefully scaffolded to provide in-depth knowledge through engaging interactive content
- » Incorporate an inquiry-based approach to promote a fuller understanding of classroom issues and challenges
- » Are consistently proven to be effective in increasing the awareness, knowledge, and skills of adult learners

### IRIS Modules can be used to improve educators' knowledge of:

- > Evidence-based instructional and behavioral practices
- > IEPs
- > Accommodations
- > Teaching English language learners
- > Instructional supports for students with disabilities
- > Collaborating with families
- > Differentiated instruction
- > Universal Design for Learning
- > Hiring and retaining teachers
- > And more

## Free PD Certificates

Through December 2021, the IRIS Center will offer FREE certificates to verify module completion and effort toward PD hours. Practical, flexible, and built around trustworthy resources, IRIS online PD Certificates are a terrific option for individual educators who are ready to take their professional development to the next level. Even better, IRIS Modules can be accessed anytime, anywhere, via any online-enabled tablet, phone, or computer.

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## Affordable School & District PD Platform

In addition to the free options above, our IRIS School & District Platform is an affordable and intuitive tool that enables school leaders to manage and support the professional growth of staff. Connected to our high-quality resources, this platform allows school leaders to:

- » Customize professional learning to target areas of focus
- » Easily assign and monitor IRIS Module use for large numbers of staff
- » Organize your school or district's professional development in one convenient, user-friendly online hub
- » Send reminder emails to individual or groups of teachers
- » Export and preserve data for accountability purposes

The screenshot shows the 'Acme School District Administrative Dashboard'. It features a search bar on the left with fields for First Name, Last Name, and School Name. Below the search bar are filters for Module, School, Role, and Status (Not Started, In Progress, Complete, Expired). The main content area displays a table of teachers and their module completion status. The table has columns for Registration Date, Status, Module Name, and Post Test Level. The data shown is as follows:

Registration Date	Status	Module Name	Post Test Level
01/18/2017	Complete	Addressing Disruptive and Noncompliant Behaviors (Part 1): Understanding the Acting-Out Cycle	Outstanding
01/18/2017	In Progress	Addressing Disruptive and Noncompliant Behaviors (Part 2): Behavioral Interventions	--

Below the table, there are dropdown menus for each teacher's name: Banner, Bruce - S.H.I.E.L.D. Academy; Dent, Harvey - Smallville High School; Eisenhardt, Max - Xaviers School for Gifted Youngsters; McCoy, Hank - Smallville High School; Murdock, Matthew - Smallville High School; Parker, Peter - Smallville High School; Rogers, Steven - S.H.I.E.L.D. Academy; Romanova, Natalia - S.H.I.E.L.D. Academy. There is also an '+ ADD LEARNER' button at the bottom right.

Two pricing options are available:

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**For \$199 per educator**

- » Every IRIS Module in our PD Hours Section
- » Yearlong access

2

**Customize Your PD**

- » Individualized packages based on your needs
- » Call for more info: 866-626-4747

## Low-Cost Micro-Credentials

Perfect for educators who want to focus on discrete high-leverage skills related to implementing accommodations for students with disabilities, IRIS Micro-credentials, offered in collaboration with Digital Promise:

- » Offer a rigorous, personalized learning experience
- » Provide opportunities to learn and demonstrate discrete skills
- » Recognize mastery of skills with shareable micro-badges

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The icons are arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each icon is a purple square with a white graphic and the text 'THE IRIS CENTER' at the top. The icons are: 1. Presentation: A film strip with a speaker icon. 2. Response: A lightbulb with gears inside. 3. Setting: A house with a bell icon. 4. Timing & Scheduling: A clock with a gear icon.

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