
TLF e-Clips FAQ for Teachers

What are TLF e-Clips?

TLF e-Clips are the latest way for you to explore the DCPS Teaching and Learning Framework (TLF) and visit other DCPS classrooms without leaving your own! These interactive online learning modules give you access to video clips of exemplary instruction in DCPS classrooms to support reflection on your own instructional practice. The modules also include other resources to learn more about the Teach standards.

How are the modules organized?

There are four types of content in each module:

- DCPS Snapshots: short (1 to 7 min.) video clips of DCPS classrooms aligned to specific rows in the TLF that include highlights of the best practice observed in the clip and suggested next steps you can take to enhance your own practice
- TLF Rubric Overviews: row-by-row explanation of the rubric for each Teach standard
- TLF Mythbusters: videos of master educators responding to a common myth about a particular Teach standard
- Additional Resources: links to other ways to learn about the TLF, including Teach Resource Sets and Reality PD videos

How many modules are there?

There are five modules. Teach standards with related content have been grouped together:

- Explaining Content Clearly (Teach 2)
- Engaging Students and Developing Higher-Level Understanding (Teach 3 & Teach 7)
- Checking and Responding to Student Understanding (Teach 5 & Teach 6)
- Creating a Climate for Learning (Teach 8 & Teach 9)*
- Moving Students toward Mastery (Teach 1 & Teach 4)*

*Note: Some modules will be released later in the Fall.

How much time will it take for me to complete?

The modules are choice-driven and designed to meet the needs of busy teachers. You might check-out a single snapshot in five minutes, or you might work through all the parts of one module over an hour and a half. You can select the part that is most relevant to your individual interests.

How can I access the modules?

The modules are hosted on the align TLF Training Platform. Each school has been assigned one teacher account which can be shared among all teachers at that school. The general format of teacher user names is:

Web address: www.aligndcps.com User name: Teacher@YourSchool Password: TEACHDCPS

For example, all teachers at Whittier EC would use the use name Teacher@Whittier. In a few cases, abbreviations have been made to the school name. Flyers with your school's user name will be sent to your school, and you can identify your school-specific user name [online](#). Your dc.gov user name and password are not linked to the platform and will not work.

Can I use any computer to view the modules?

TLF e-Clips are designed to run on any computer! You can log in from school or from home; however, the videos will not play on a smart phone or tablet computer like the iPad. We recommend using the latest version of Mozilla Firefox or Internet Explorer and installing updated versions of Adobe Flash Player and the Microsoft Silverlight application. Instructions on downloading these programs are available by clicking *Help* and then *Video Player Test* or *Flash Player Test* after logging on to the align TLF Training Platform. Connecting directly to the internet with an Ethernet cable or closing other applications that may be using bandwidth (e.g., automatic update downloads) are often helpful next steps if there is a delay in loading videos.

Can I print out or download content from the TLF e-Clips to reference later?

TLF e-Clips were designed for online learning experiences. The platform does not have an option to download videos. If you are looking for written materials aligned to the Teach standards, we encourage you to check out the Teach Resource Sets, available in the *Additional Resources* section of the TLF e-Clips.

Why don't you have snapshots from every grade level and every content area?

We strive to represent different grade bands and content areas across all the snapshots, but acknowledge that there may not be an example that matches your grade or content area, especially for a particular row. Most of the highlighted best practices can be adapted for use across grades and content area. We encourage you to reflect on how you might transfer the essential ideas to your classroom, even if initially the snapshot context seems unrelated to your situation.

How did you select teachers to feature in the snapshots?

The IMPACT team receives recommendations from school leaders and master educators of teachers to film. We have also invited Excellence in Teaching and Rubenstein award-winners. You can express interest in being filmed for future DCPS Snapshots on the [feedback form](#) found in each module.

Will the e-Clips be updated in the future?

Yes! Currently there are five to ten snapshots per Teach standard. We plan to add additional snapshots to modules in coming years so that practices from more DCPS classrooms can be showcased.

Who can I contact with questions?

Please contact the IMPACT Helpline impactdcps@dc.gov, 202-719-6553 with questions or comments. You can also find answers to technical questions about preparing a computer to run the modules under the *Help* tab visible after logging on to the align TLF Training Platform.

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