

SY 2026-27 Training and Support Plan for TS GOLD®

Detailed information to support the administration of 4K Readiness Assessments for districts using Teaching Strategies GOLD®.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Training is open to all associated with the administration of Teaching Strategies GOLD®.

Training may be offered in-person or virtual but not hybrid. All training registrations close 1 week prior to the event or once the registration has reached capacity.

Getting Started with GOLD® (3-hour Virtual)

Explore the power of GOLD® in this 3-hour professional development session. Attendees will learn how to use the Objectives for Development and Learning and progressions of development and learning to focus observations. Additionally, attendees will learn how to use some of the most important assessment features in SmartTeach™, including documentation and checkpoint completion.

Pre-registration required; each session is capped at 30 participants.

Thursday, July 23, 2026; 8:30-11:30 am

Registration closes July 15th.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026; 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration closes July 21st.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026; 12:00-3:00 pm

Registration closes July 28th.

Additional support for administering GOLD®

If new TAs are not available to attend one of the above trainings, or a TA needs supplemental training, here are suggestions for support using OnDemand courses (Develop Tab) on [SmartTeach™](#):

- The Power of GOLD®
- The Interrater Reliability Modules and Certification
- Objectives for Development and Learning
- GOLD® for Administrators

Returning Teachers (Test Administrators)

Having a completed Interrater Reliability (IRR) certification is the best possible way to ensure that test administrators are completed TS GOLD® with validity and fidelity. SCDE advises that all returning test administrators have completed Interrater Reliability (IRR) with an active certificate (valid for 3 years). For information on completing this certification visit: <https://teachingstrategies.my.site.com/portal/s/article/What-is-Interrater-Reliability>.

To check the status of your certificate login into SmartTeach™ (<https://login.app.teachingstrategies.com/>) and navigate to Develop > IRR Dashboard

Monthly Virtual Office Hours with SCDE & TS GOLD®, 3:00 pm-3:30 pm, 2nd Thursday of the Month

Anyone associated with administering TS GOLD® is invited to attend. This is an opportunity for collaboration and support. The meetings will not be recorded but any topics that come up that need to be shared with all districts will be emailed out later.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 279 285 326 251

Passcode: rv3Ft3F9

- May 14, 2026
 - Hot Topic- finalizing checkpoints & End of Year reporting; what reports should I pull?
- No meeting June 2026
- **July 9, 2026; 3-4 pm***
 - **Data Manager training, bulk rostering assistance**
- August 13, 2026
- September 10, 2026
- October 8, 2026
- November 12, 2026
- No meeting December 2026
- No meeting January 2027
- February 11, 2027
- March 11, 2027
- April 8, 2027
- May 13, 2027

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