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Who we are

Teachers Network is a non-profit organization—*by teachers, for teachers*—with a 29-year track record of success, dedicated to improving student learning in public schools. Using the power of our award-winning website, video, and print resources, we leverage the creativity and expertise of a national and international community of outstanding educators.

Teachers Network is unique in its focus on the teacher as key to improving student achievement in public schools. Through its leadership, Teachers Network empowers teachers to transform public schools into creative learning communities so every student will succeed and contribute to the public good. Over the years, we have directly impacted over 1.5 million teachers and nearly 40 million students.



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“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”
—Albert Einstein

teachersnetwork.org provides a wide range of professional development resources including **1,000+ free curriculum units**, written by grant-winning teachers and comprising multiple lesson plans that align learning standards with assessment strategies—all ready to be used by teachers in the classroom; support for new teachers: a helpline, online courses, instructional videos, and “how-to’s”—insightful articles covering topics such as classroom management and working with students’ families; and over 100 teacher research studies on school culture, education policy and practice, and more.

- The number of hits and visitors to Teachers Network’s award-winning website has increased dramatically over the past few years. The site is currently averaging approximately a **half-a-million page views per month**.
- **New Teachers** will find useful links to lesson plans, How-To articles, videos, and other resources related to specific areas. They can also get answers to pressing questions through eleven experienced classroom teachers whose roles are to be web mentors and share their invaluable experience with new teachers.

Join us!

Sign up on our homepage (www.teachersnetwork.org) to receive free monthly e-mail blasts on the latest Teachers Network happenings along with tips for new and veteran teachers alike!



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Teachers Network Major Program Initiatives

1. *Teachnet*
2. *Teachers Network Leadership Institute*
3. *New Teacher Resource Program*
4. *Professional Teachers Program*
5. *How to Use the Internet in Your Classroom*
6. *Other Multi-media Programs*

Knowing that teachers know best what teachers need, our goals are to support teachers by offering professional development designed by teachers, to document and disseminate the work of outstanding teachers in the classroom, and to help provide them with the knowledge and skills to become leaders in their classrooms and schools.





TEACHNET

Integrating Technology in the Classroom

“Take an Idea and Go Creative!”

Teachnet seeks to improve student learning by helping teachers integrate web-based lessons into their instructional practice. Teachers apply for disseminator and adaptor grants and have access to curriculum and technical specialists, and a supportive network to further develop their skills. Teachnet is a national and international program. Teachnet projects and lesson plans are results of the collaboration of all our Teachnet affiliates. In total, we now have over **1,000** comprehensive curriculum units published on the Teachnet area of our award-winning website.

These lesson plans are available **for free** to any teacher anywhere who wishes to access them via our award-winning website, www.teachersnetwork.org/Teachnet

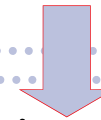


Subjects include the following:

- Arts
- Business and Careers
- English Language Arts
- Foreign Language
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Music
- Science
- Social Studies
- Special Education
- Technology and Media

Disseminator Grants

The **Teachnet Disseminator Grant program** directly supports teachers in developing and disseminating web-based curriculum units that they have successfully taught in their classrooms. These curriculum units use the Internet and involve students with technology tools, creating an engaging and motivating interactive learning environment. Teachnet disseminator grants are awarded to each teacher selected to publish curriculum units on our website. The grants are also the bait that hooks teachers into our network of educators who are already giving so much to their schools and students.



Adaptor Grants

The **Teachnet Adaptor Grant program** awards teachers who use and adapt an original Teachnet project for their own classroom. Teachers choose from over 1,000 teacher-created, grant-winning projects in varying subject areas and grade levels posted online in our Teachnet database. Teachers, in consultation with the Teachers Network team and trainers, teach the unit, tailor it to fit the needs of their classroom and students, and submit a project profile and examples of student work to be eligible for the grant. Teachnet teachers who originally created the curriculum are acknowledged by having a link posted to their original web page stating that another teacher used and adapted their unit.

Just some of the examples of technology used in the classroom through the Teachnet lesson plans include:

-  Podcasting
-  Social Media
-  Internet Research

Teachers Network established the **Teachnet** program to better address the needs of today's teachers and students at the threshold of the 21st Century. The curriculum units use the Internet and involve students with technology tools in a meaningful and authentic context.

2 Teachers Network Leadership Institute

In 1989, former President Bush and then Governor Clinton held the first education summit.
Not one teacher was invited.

As a result, Teachers Network Leadership Institute (TNLI) was established in 1995 to improve student achievement by bringing the teachers' voice to education policymaking.

Through action research, cases, and examination of 21st Century skills and tools, TNLI teachers seek to bring their experience and expertise to current debates on education policy.

Teachers Network Leadership Institute (TNLI) is comprised of hundreds of teachers from 14 nationwide affiliates. TNLI MetLife Fellows—teachers with full-time classroom teaching responsibilities accomplish the following:

- Research policy issues and develop recommendations.
- Document their work in papers and publications.
- Disseminate their work locally and nationally.
- Become members of an online community.



Research has demonstrated time and time again that teacher quality is the single most important factor in determining student achievement. Through their work with TNLI, teachers continuously work to improve their practice, transforming themselves into the best teachers they can be. Their critical reflection has many benefits for students.

Fellows' action research studies address the direct link between policymaking and its effects on student achievement in their classrooms.

"TNLI is full of inspiring educators who constantly strive to equip themselves with knowledge that they can use to impact student learning, not just in their schools but in schools throughout America."

Sabrina Silverstein, TNLI MetLife Fellow

"Teacher's voices add authenticity to policy debates, and they provide real effects of new and old policies on classrooms and children."

Linda Darling-Hammond, Founding Executive Director, National Commission on Teaching & America's Future

TNLI MetLife Fellows are leaders in their classrooms and schools. As a major part of their work, fellows conduct action research in their classrooms, and use this research to improve classroom practice. Fellows meet monthly to share the findings of their action research with one another, and with the state and local policymakers.

Bridging the Gap Between Schoolhouses and Statehouses!



Students of TNLI Fellows:

- Demonstrate improvement in grade-level reading.
- Improve class attendance.
- Receive higher scores on federally mandated standardized achievement tests.

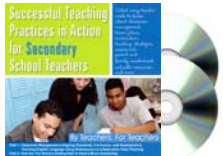
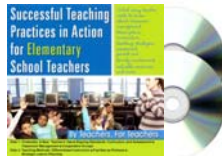
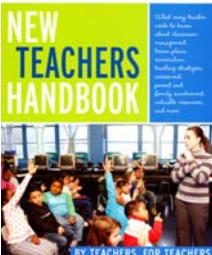
Partnering with TNLI benefits policymakers in the following ways:

- Grants access to the knowledge base of teacher-leaders experienced in a wide range of issues affecting teaching and learning.
- Provides policymakers with findings and recommendations based on research conducted by practitioners focused on student achievement.
- Makes available a community of experts, willing and well-prepared to serve on commissions and advisory boards and to testify at public hearings.


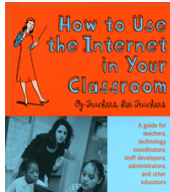
Multi-media Programs

(Offered to colleges, universities, and school districts)

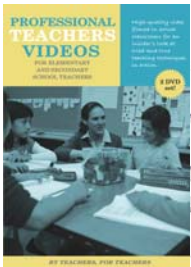
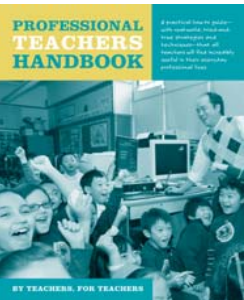
3 **New Teacher Resource Program** provides high-quality multimedia materials as well as online courses to prepare and retain new teachers. This program is available in a complete package that can be licensed by colleges, universities, and school districts. Each teacher enrolled in the program receives the **New Teachers Handbook**, the elementary or secondary school version of double CD-ROM set of videos, **Successful Teaching Practices in Action**, and can take up to nine online courses. Course topics range from Strategic Lesson Planning to Teaching Methods to Classroom Management. To date, nearly 25,000 teachers in over 20 school districts and universities have participated in the program.



5 **How to Use the Internet in Your Classroom** offers a comprehensive and completely aligned set of materials to help teachers learn how to use the Internet in their classrooms. Included are a book, **How to Use the Internet in Your Classroom**, a companion double CD-ROM set by the same title, as well as access to a series of nine online courses designed to introduce teachers to the resources and strategies for working with the Internet in the classroom. This program is available in a complete package for licensing by colleges, universities, and school districts.



4 **Professional Teachers Program** provides online courses and companion multi-media materials to sustain, support, and further develop the professional skills and knowledge needed by all teachers. This program is available in a complete package that can be licensed by colleges, universities, and school districts. Each teacher enrolled in the program receives the **Professional Teachers Handbook**, the two-disc DVD for both elementary and secondary teachers by the same title; and can take up to ten online courses. Course topics range from strategic lesson planning to teaching methods to the special education student in the inclusion classroom.

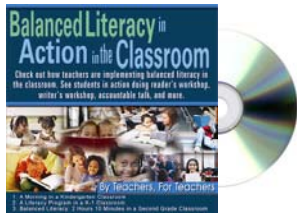


New York University recently completed a comprehensive evaluation of our online courses and related materials, which comprise our multi-media programs, with extraordinarily positive results! An executive summary as well as a full version of this evaluation can be found at: www.teachersnetwork.org/TNOC/NYU_Evaluation.htm.



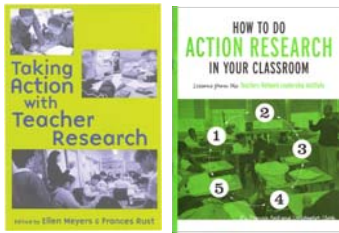
6 Other multi-media programs

Balanced Literacy in Action in the Classroom multi-media program includes our CD-ROM *Balanced Literacy in Action in the Classroom*, which features videos of experienced, outstanding teachers in action, in three different elementary classrooms. The CD-ROM accompanies four online courses where teachers learn how to do balanced literacy with three experienced teachers, including how to incorporate such balanced literacy elements as word work, independent work time, read aloud, reader's and writer's workshops, guided reading, shared reading, accountable talk, and mini-lessons. See how these teachers match the needs of their students and reflect on their practices. (Note: a secondary school version of this course is now available!)



Introduction to Action Research

is a multi-media program through which a teacher can explore the tools of action research used to study instruction and discern interventions to help all children succeed. The course is self-guided and conveniently available online. This program also incorporates the texts: *How to Do Action Research In Your Classroom* and *Taking Action With Teacher Research!*



For more information, or to take a virtual tour of any of the online courses that accompany our multi-media packages, please go to: www.teachersnetwork.org/TNOC/

Teachers Network Productions

Teachers Network has begun a new initiative to create a better online library for our video production work. Visitors to our site can currently view a selection of brief excerpts from several of our videos of *Successful Teaching Practices in Action* directly from the web, as well as see the list of all the videos we've produced so far with the help of our Emmy-award-winning producer.



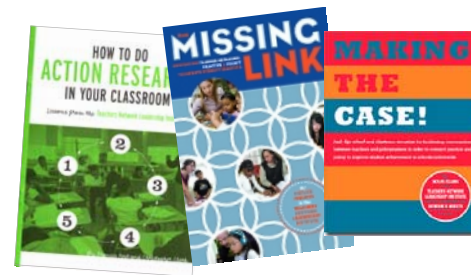
One of the excerpts made available online for viewing is a 90-second clip from our CINE Award-winning production "*Project-Based Learning for English Language Learners.*" We currently offer these videos for purchase as part of various compilation CD-ROMs and DVDs.

Stay tuned— and check it out at www.teachersnetwork.org/videos



Teachers Network Bookstore:

<http://teachersnetworkonline.org/store/> offers all of our *By Teachers, For Teachers* books, CD-ROMs, and DVDs including our bestselling *New Teachers Handbook*, and our newest publication the *Professional Teachers Handbook*. These materials accompany one or more of our many online courses. Course materials can be sold individually or in bulk.



Also available in our bookstore are some of the published findings and methods from Teachers Network Leadership Institute research such as *How to do Action Research* and *The Missing Link*. See the bookstore website for more information.

Teachers Network Affiliates & Partnerships

Teachers Network serves over 20 national and international affiliates that have adopted one or more of our major program initiatives.

Just a few of the institutions with which Teachers Network has partnered in order to better serve teachers throughout the nation include:

- New York City Department of Education
- Teachers College—Columbia University
- University of San Diego
- NOVA Southeastern University.

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Newark Public Schools
New York
New York City Public Schools

Republic of Ireland

St. Patrick's College

Texas

Houston Independent School District

Wisconsin

Milwaukee Partnership Academy

Wyoming

Wyoming Department of Education

United Kingdom

Specialist Schools Trust
(United Kingdom)

If you are interested in becoming a partner of **Teachers Network** and offering one of our multi-media teacher professional development packages at your college, university, or school district, online course licenses are available for purchase at bulk rates. For more information, contact Peter A. Paul at 1-800-200-8284, or via e-mail at:

ppaul@teachersnetwork.org.

Teachers Network International Affiliates include **Teachnet Ireland** and **Teachnet United Kingdom**. To learn more about all our affiliates please visit: www.teachersnetwork.org/teachnet

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