



Plano ISD New Teacher Onboarding Resources

2024-2025

New Teacher Orientation: Welcome to Plano ISD! This set of resources is designed to support our new teaching staff.

- Teachers who were hired after our in-person onboarding are required to enroll in the starred ★ online learning and explore the resources with the guidance of their mentors, team leaders, and campus administrators.
- Teachers who attended POWER prior to the first day of school may use these resources to deepen their understanding or review the learning.
- Here is a digital version of the [POWER Pack](#) from our back-to-school learning.
- Teachers who would like a printed copy of the POWER Pack and novice teachers who would like to receive the *First-Year Teacher Notebook* should contact Nakenya Sneed.
- Visit the new teacher professional learning page at pisd.edu/newteachers for other information to help navigate your first year in PISD.



T-TESS (Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System):

★ All teachers new to Plano ISD must complete the online T-TESS orientation within two weeks of their start date. Register for the course using this [PowerSchool link](#).

[T-TESS Rubric](#)



Classroom Management:

Access the district's classroom management resources at pisd.edu/classroommanagement, where you will find an array of resources to help you develop classroom leadership and management plans and seek additional support as needed.

★ The one-hour online [What is STOIC?](#) course provides an overview of the key elements of a successful classroom management plan and allows learners to reflect on their own practices and develop plans for growth.



Technology:

The Digital Learning Team's [Get Connected website](#) will walk you through the initial steps necessary to get going with Plano ISD technology.

★ New hires who did not attend the technology orientation session at POWER should visit <https://www.pisd.edu/newteacher> to read about digital learning tools.

The Instructional Technology Hotspot (pisd.edu/hotspot) is a comprehensive resource for your technology needs.



Curriculum and Instruction:

Here are links to several key resources to discuss with your mentor, team leader, or academic support specialists:

- [Collaborative Team Framework](#)
- PISD Instructional Model: pisd.edu/instructionalmodel
- Curriculum Planner: curriculum2.pisd.edu



Assessment and Data:

The ARPE (Assessment, Research, and Program Evaluation) [website](#) has a page of [Resources for New Teachers](#) that will help you understand the basics of assessment, Edugence, MAP, STAAR, and other related topics.

★ Enroll in one or more of the [ARPE online courses](#) to learn more about topics relevant to your subject or grade level.



If you have a question, need support, or aren't sure where to go for help, please contact Nakenya Sneed, Coordinator of Professional Learning, at nakenya.sneed@pisd.edu.

[Try This! Labs](#) are weekly microlearning pieces designed with the new teacher in mind.