

Professional Learning Delivery Options

Choose the delivery format that aligns with your professional learning schedules and purchase

In-Person Professional Learning

Collaborative, Immersive, and Impactful

When it comes to shifting instructional practices and building a cohesive plan for usage, nothing matches the energy and connection of being in the same room.

In-person sessions are highly adaptable to fit the specific scheduling needs of your district. Sessions can run from half-day workshops to full-day immersions. Throughout the day, we can partner across all tiers of your educational ecosystem to ensure systemic success - from meeting with Instructional Leaders and Coaches to collaborate on aligning resources to your district goals and priorities to grounding this work in the classroom by partnering with teachers, translating district initiatives into practice, day-to-day applications.

Our face-to-face sessions are planned and delivered by our expert facilitators and prioritize active engagement, interactive modeling, and hands-on practice.

USE FOR:

- Inservice Days
- Conferences
- New Teacher Orientation
- Leader Collaboration
- Choice Sessions



Live, Virtual Professional Learning

Flexible, Interactive, and Connected

Our live, virtual professional learning experiences combine the dynamic interaction of a face-to-face workshop with the flexibility and accessibility of online delivery. This isn't a passive webinar - it is an active, highly engaging digital workspace designed for modern educators.

Virtual sessions are planned and delivered by our expert facilitators and leverage digital tools to ensure educators are creating, collaborating, and reflecting throughout the session.

Virtual delivery allows for flexible sessions that minimize disruption to the instructional day. Sessions can run up to 90 minutes and include up to 250 educators. 45-60 minute micro-sessions are perfect for high-impact strategy bursts during prep-periods or quick after-school check-ins, while 90-minute standard workshops are optimal for introducing a core concept, exploring a digital resource, and engaging in focused collaboration.

USE FOR:

- Planning Time
- Early Release
- Dedicated PL Days
- Department Meetings
- Prep Periods



Ready to schedule? Contact your Customer Success Manager

Newsela Professional Learning Catalog

Newsela Professional Learning brings your district's priorities to life by bridging the Newsela platform to priority instructional practices. Discover our range of sessions that meet the varied needs and experience levels of educators in your district.

Introductory Sessions for New Users

Help educators get started and effectively implement their Newsela subscription(s) in their classrooms.

- Discovering Newsela Content and Features**
- Discovering Newsela STEM**
- Designing Learning Experiences**
- Differentiating Instruction**
- Making the Most of AI in Newsela**
- Supporting Student Engagement**

Professional Learning for Experienced Users

Support educators in strengthening their instructional practices with their Newsela subscriptions.

- Building Background Knowledge**
- California Ethnic Studies**
- Complementing Your Curriculum**
- Cross-Curricular Literacy**
- Developing Decoding Skills for Older Readers**
- Embedding Culturally Responsive Practices**
- Inquiry-Based Learning**
- Newsela for the Science Classroom**
- Newsela for the Social Studies Classroom**
- Supporting Sensemaking with Newsela STEM**
- Reading Skills Instruction with Newsela**
- Supporting Multilingual Learners**
- Using Student Insights to Inform Instruction**
- Vocabulary Development**

Sessions for Administrators and Instructional Leaders

Empower your leaders and trainers to support Newsela implementation and align usage to be in service of your goals.

- Maximizing Newsela at Your Schools**
- Train the Trainer: Newsela Foundations**
- Train the Trainer: Aligning Newsela to Your District Goals**

Newsela Session Descriptions

Introductory Sessions for New Users

Discovering Newsela Content and Features

Explore Newsela content and features to enhance your lessons and support student needs. Discover varied content types, instructional resources like leveled texts, accessibility tools (e.g., Read aloud, Spanish toggle), and engagement features such as Annotations, Quizzes, and Write prompts. You will conclude the session by assigning content, customizing activities, viewing real-time student insights, and creating a ready-to-use assignment.

Discovering Newsela STEM - NEW

Newsela STEM required

Effectively use Newsela STEM to integrate real-world examples, technology, and engineering concepts into your K-12 science instruction. You will actively explore a wealth of time-saving resources, including Generation Genius videos and leveled texts, to ensure inclusive and differentiated access for all your students. Learn how to align these materials to your learning outcomes and create standards-aligned assignments and assessments to monitor student performance and science mastery.

Designing Learning Experiences

Design effective learning experiences using Newsela's research-based 4P Framework: Plan, Prepare, Practice, and Process. Intentionally select content, decide between recommended or locked Lexile levels for accessibility, and utilize tools like student polls and the new AI-powered Article Lesson Planner. Differentiate assignments for small groups, encourage active reading through student annotations, and use quizzes, customizable write prompts, and discussion questions to process learning and gather insights.

Differentiating Instruction

Focus on leveraging Newsela's features to differentiate instruction and ensure every student can succeed. Identify three key areas for differentiation—Content, Process, and Product—based on the framework by Carol Ann Tomlinson and Susan Dimirsky Allan. Use Newsela to offer multi-level content, provide scaffolds like Read-Aloud and Checks for Understanding, and use Lesson Sparks to suggest varied student work products.

Maximize Your Impact with Newsela AI - NEW

Discover how to leverage Luna, your AI teaching assistant, to reclaim your planning time while maintaining full instructional control and data privacy. In this session, you will generate standards-aligned lesson plans in seconds, instantly increase text accessibility with the Text Leveler, and hook student interest using creative content pairings. Leave this session ready to spend less time on manual differentiation and more time teaching, with a digital co-teacher that keeps you organized and ahead of the curve.

Supporting Student Engagement

Support student engagement by influencing how your students answer two crucial questions: "Am I able to do this?" and "Do I want to do this?". Promote student confidence using features like leveled texts, polls, read-aloud functionality, and alternative assessments. Enhance the relevance and value of learning by curating engaging content through Text Sets and subject-specific Collections, while empowering student autonomy and collaboration via choice-based assignments.

Professional Learning for Experienced Users

Building Background Knowledge

Boost your students' language comprehension skills by leveraging resources and activities that strategically build background knowledge. Explore tools and strategies to assess students' knowledge gaps, address instructional needs, and utilize the "assess, address, and progress" framework. You will learn how to use Newsela tools and text sets to advance and further develop your students' content understanding.

Complementing Your Curriculum

Align your lessons with curriculum and instructional priorities. Discover ready-made collections, including custom sets, curriculum complements, LGBTQIA+ studies, SEL, and State-specific collections, to immediately support your teaching goals.

Cross-Curricular Literacy

Learn how to effectively integrate content-area instruction with literacy practices using Newsela to improve student language comprehension and knowledge acquisition. You will help students construct meaning from complex texts by leveraging article tools to support comprehension and designing assignments with content-area questions for evidence gathering. Build on this by designing disciplinary assessments that require students to communicate their understanding of the content question through writing and producing content.

Developing Decoding Skills for Older Readers

Newsela ELA required

Recommended for ELA teachers and reading coaches in grades 4+, this session introduces the Decodables for Older Readers collection, a set of age-respectful resources designed to strengthen students' foundational reading skills. Explore the collection, identify opportunities to integrate decoding practice into everyday instruction, and leave with practical strategies for supporting struggling readers while keeping them engaged with grade level content.

Embedding Culturally Responsive Practices

Embed culturally responsive practices in your instruction using Newsela's core pillars: Identity, Access, and Awareness and Action. Locate content that reflects student diversity (Identity) and filter for accessibility to maintain high expectations (Access). Use tools like annotations and Lesson Sparks to facilitate discussion and reflection, empowering student voice and choice to promote awareness and action.

Inquiry-Based Learning

Implement inquiry-based learning as a student-centered practice where your students pose, investigate, and answer questions to take ownership of their learning. Drive inquiry with compelling, open-ended questions that promote engagement and critical thinking. Use Newsela's ready-to-go curations, editable Write Prompts, and annotation tools to fuel student curiosity and design lessons that culminate in informed action tasks.

Newsela for the Science Classroom

Newsela Science required

Use Newsela Science to support scientific argumentation and literacy in your classroom. Focus on the Claim-Evidence-Reasoning (CER) framework by planning questions and selecting phenomena-focused content resources. Apply scaffolding strategies to help students identify evidence and reasoning in texts, and create a CER assignment or written exemplar to model for your students.

Newsela for the Social Studies Classroom

Newsela Social Studies required

Make social studies topics relevant to your students using Newsela. Define relevance through current events, local connections, student identities, and "big questions" to find corresponding content and launch your lessons. Explore crafting activities like annotation protocols, Text Sets, and Graphic Organizers to build social studies-specific literacy skills.

Reading Skills Instruction with Newsela

Newsela ELA required

Apply strategic reading skills instruction grounded in Scarborough's Reading Rope and proven cognitive strategies for comprehension. Identify relevant Newsela resources using reading skill filters, and model skills like think-alouds and previewing with the support of assignments and graphic organizers. Use real-time insights to track student performance and leverage Newsela's collections and small group assignments to provide targeted, data-driven practice.

Supporting Multilingual Learners

Address the Content-Based, Linguistic, and Relational Needs of your multilingual learners (MLLs) using the Newsela framework. Supplement, replace, pre-teach, and re-teach lessons using filtered, leveled articles. Use Newsela features like vocabulary tools, annotations, and customized assignments to support your students' linguistic development.

Supporting Sensemaking with Newsela STEM - NEW

Newsela STEM required

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Using Student Insights to Inform Instruction

Discover how Newsela adjusts the student experience using academic grade level, quizzes, Checks for Understanding, and guided highlighting. Establish a weekly, monthly, or quarterly routine to review Assignment, Classroom, and Student reports to monitor performance. Use these insights to adjust your instruction, employing both text leveling and Newsela features to scaffold complex texts for all your learners.

Vocabulary Development

Balance direct teaching with repeated, in-context exposure to academic (Tier II) and domain-specific (Tier III) words. Use Newsela's features to filter for vocabulary-rich content, leverage built-in Power Words, and adjust the Level Toggle to differentiate instruction. Enrich vocabulary through active reading by using Teacher and Student Annotations, customizing the Write Prompt, and creating Text Sets for multiple exposures.

Sessions for Administrators and Instructional Leaders

Maximizing Newsela at Your School

This 45-minute session empowers school administrators to drive instructional excellence and accelerate student growth by leveraging weekly Newsela usage to boost literacy achievement and build transferable skills across ELA, social studies, and science. You will learn to scale implementation by aligning Newsela content with your existing district curriculum, while utilizing administrator-level dashboards to drive data-informed instruction and provide targeted teacher support. Additionally, you will develop actionable, data-backed routines for content promotion and teacher-led data reviews, ensuring you leave with a clear, high-impact roadmap for integrating Newsela into your district's instructional framework to maximize the value of your digital learning investment.

Intended Audience: District or Building Administrators

Train the Trainer: Newsela Foundations

In this session, you will explore content aligned with your instructional priorities, utilize features like quizzes and annotations to ensure student engagement, and navigate the assignment process and administrator insights. You will leave ready to communicate Newsela's value to your colleagues and plan a practical training experience that supports the weekly use proven to accelerate learning gains.

Intended Audience: Instructional Leaders, Coaches, and Technology Leaders who are brand new to Newsela

Train the Trainer: Aligning Newsela to Your District Priorities - NEW

Equip yourself to design and deliver Newsela training that directly supports your district's unique instructional priorities and goals. This customizable session guides you in selecting the most relevant Newsela content and features, ensuring alignment with local curriculum, strategic initiatives, and state standards. Master the skill of adapting Newsela's tools to meet various district needs and empower your colleagues to maximize their impact with purposeful implementation.

Intended Audience: Instructional Leaders, Coaches, and Technology Leaders who are familiar with Newsela

Newsela Writing Professional Learning

Discovering Newsela Writing

Newsela Writing required

Explore how Newsela Writing, an AI-powered tool, helps you develop stronger writers in grades 3-12 while reclaiming your time. You will master a simple three-step workflow: create assignments, guide students as they use real-time feedback from sentence checklists and rubric meters, and review submissions with ease. Use Assignment Report data to monitor class performance, identify plagiarism indicators, and plan targeted support for individual students or small groups based on their specific needs.

Newsela Writing for the Science Classroom

Newsela Writing required

Bridge the gap between scientific inquiry and literacy by turning complex data into compelling student prose without the usual grading fatigue. During this session, you will navigate standards-aligned writing prompts, leverage Newsela's Science content to spark critical thinking, and use adjustable Lexile levels to ensure every student can "write like a scientist" regardless of their reading stage. Move beyond simple comprehension checks toward deep, evidence-based argumentation using structured supports that make science writing feel like a discovery rather than a chore. Leave with a streamlined workflow for lesson differentiation that allows you to focus on high-impact instruction while your students master the art of scientific communication.

Newsela Writing for the Social Studies Classroom

Newsela Writing required

Harness the power of the DBQ process to elevate student voice and critical analysis within your classroom. You will analyze how Newsela Writing streamlines the document-based inquiry journey, from deconstructing complex primary sources to synthesizing evidence-based arguments. Implement instructional routines that use Newsela's dynamic tools to support rigorous writing and historical thinking for every one of your learners.

Formative Professional Learning



Formative Foundations

Accelerate student growth by using Formative to inform your instruction, viewing assessment as a continuous process rather than just a product. You will configure your account by setting up classes and customizing settings for efficient implementation and accurate data. Then, build and assign a practical assessment to view student thinking and address misconceptions in real time.

Formative for Instruction

This session prepares you to build engaging lessons by integrating instructional content with Formative's interactive question types. Deliver these lessons and use real-time data from student responses to immediately inform and adjust your instruction. Finally, you will create and assign practice sets on instructional topics to reinforce concepts and skills.¹

Establishing Data Routines in Formative

In this session, you will prepare how to actively use Formative's Responses and Insights tabs to locate and analyze real-time student data, quickly identifying misconceptions and class-wide performance trends. Establish efficient data review cycles by leveraging Formative's auto-grading features, providing timely enhanced or bulk feedback, and utilizing Reports to monitor student progress against standards over time. Apply these established data routines to continuously inform instructional decisions, differentiate learning, and empower students to act on feedback for sustained growth

Differentiating Instruction with Formative - NEW

Overcome the time-consuming challenges of differentiation by using Formative to create tailored instructional materials. You will use AI-powered tools like Luna and Rigor Booster to generate assessments, add audio and visual support, and customize content for diverse learner needs. Act on real-time student data to organize small groups and implement targeted instructional next steps.

Supporting Multilingual Learners with Formative - NEW

Equip yourself with strategies to design and assess activities that make content more accessible for your multilingual learners (MLLs) while supporting their language development. You will scaffold reading activities with multimodal elements, incorporate audio content, and use Luna to determine appropriate, SIOP-informed language objectives. Enrich your assessment opportunities using varied question types, speaking tasks, and rubrics to ensure your MLLs can effectively demonstrate their knowledge.

Supporting Student Engagement with Formative - NEW

Increase student engagement by requiring active thinking, clarifying expectations, and ensuring effort leads to measurable improvement. Design Formative activities that require active thinking using question types like Free Response, Drawing, and Multi-Part, and use Luna to generate relevant contexts. Support clarity and growth by adding learning targets, using rubrics, and configuring assignment settings for revision, such as enabling multiple attempts or allowing edits after submission.

Leveraging Formative for the Math Classroom - NEW

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Sessions for Administrators and Instructional Leaders

Maximizing Formative at Your Schools

This 45-minute session guides Admin to articulate Formative's benefits and align its diverse use cases with their school and district goals, effectively jumpstarting their subscription. Participants learn to implement Formative by setting account standards, utilizing the Library for resources, and creating new lessons or activities, including leveraging AI auto-generation tools. Administrators and teachers gain skills to continuously analyze student performance using data tabs and reports, enabling them to act on real-time insights and inform instructional priorities.

Intended Audience: District or Building Administrators

Train the Trainer: Formative Foundations

Equip yourself with the expertise to lead Formative training for educators in your district, configure your Formative account settings and leverage tools like the Item Bank or Luna AI to quickly build diverse, standards-aligned assessments. Master customizing assignment settings and utilize the real-time Responses tab to identify student work and misconceptions immediately. Review student data by question or standard, delivering personalized, multimedia feedback that drives timely instructional decisions.

Intended Audience: Instructional Leaders, Coaches, and Technology Leaders who are brand new to Newsela

Train the Trainer: Overseeing Common Assessments

Collaborate, build, and tag common assessments, then assign them to students with consistent settings for secure administration. Analyze Insights reports and Team Tracker data to guide targeted instruction and measure progress against specific standards.

Intended Audience: Individuals who will be building common assessments