

The Creative Curriculum® Cloud Getting Started Guide for Teachers

This guide will support you as you prepare to implement The Creative Curriculum® Cloud.

Accessing The Creative Curriculum® Cloud

Follow the steps below to ensure you have digital access to your curriculum resources.

- ☐ **Log in to [MyTeachingStrategies®](#).**
This is where you will access the Digital Content Library, create dynamic weekly plans, and engage with families.
 - If you are new to [MyTeachingStrategies®](#), you will also receive an email that contains your username and temporary password. Follow the instructions in that email to log in and set a permanent password to [MyTeachingStrategies®](#).
 - If your license start date has not yet occurred, you will not be able to log in until that start date.
- ☐ **[Set up your classroom.](#)**
This allows you to set up a virtual classroom space where you can create and maintain child records for each child in your care.
 - Check with your administrator to see if this step is your responsibility.
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Creating a child record establishes a dedicated portfolio for a child in your classroom.
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 - **Note:** You will need to have a class and at least one child record in [MyTeachingStrategies®](#) in order to access *The Creative Curriculum® Cloud*.
- ☐ **Download the Teaching Strategies Teacher app on your classroom mobile device.**
Use this app to easily communicate with families and access Mighty Minutes. If you also use GOLD®, you can add documentation.
 - Download the free app from [the Apple App Store](#).
 - Download the free app from [the Google Play store](#).
- ☐ **[Add family members to Teaching Strategies Family.](#)**
This allows family members to set up an account so they can access the free Teaching Strategies Family app, which includes multimedia playlists, resources you have shared from [MyTeachingStrategies®](#), the Digital Children's Library, and two-way communication.
 - [Share information with families](#) about how they can access the Teaching Strategies Family app.

Browsing Resources in the Digital Content Library

Follow the steps below to access your digital bookshelves of resources from The Creative Curriculum®.

- ☐ **Access the Library area in [MyTeachingStrategies®](#).**
 - [Navigate the digital bookshelves](#) to access *Getting Started Guides*, foundation volumes, *Teaching Guides*, printable resources, and other components of *The Creative Curriculum®*.
 - [Based on the age or class/grade of your class](#), you will have access to [infants, toddlers & twos resources](#); [preschool/pre-k resources](#); or [kindergarten resources](#).
 - If you have a preschool or kindergarten class, [browse the Digital Children's Library](#) to view the children's books available to explore with children or share with families.

- If you are a preschool teacher and have AI's Pals digital access, [browse the AI's Pals lessons, songs, and other resources](#).

Using the Planning Calendars

Follow the steps below to create weekly plans, submit them to administrators for approval, and share with families.

- ☐ [Set your Weekly Template](#) to reflect your classroom schedule before you begin creating weekly plans.
- ☐ [Customize your Month View calendar](#) to account for holidays and other planned closures.
- ☐ Reuse previously personalized plans by using [the Copy Multiple Days feature](#) on your Month View calendar.
- ☐ [Populate your planning calendar by adding Teaching Guides](#).
Adding a Teaching Guide populates 4-7 weeks of your planning calendar with the content from any Teaching Guide. This includes facilitation descriptions from the At-a-Glance charts, Intentional Teaching Experiences, and Mighty Minutes® activities. Preschool teachers, transitional kindergarten, and infants, toddlers, and twos teachers also have access to the facilitation guidance from Daily Plans.
 - At the beginning of your school year, either choose your first Teaching Guide...
 - **Preschool Teachers:** *The First Six Weeks (Guided Edition) Teaching Guide*
 - **Transitional Kindergarten Teachers:** *The First Six Weeks Teaching Guide*
 - **Kindergarten Teachers:** *The First Six Weeks Teaching Guide*
 - **Twos Teachers:** *any Teaching Guide for Twos*
 - ...or, plan your entire year by [adding a Teaching Guide Sequence](#).
- ☐ Begin creating your weekly plans in [the Week View calendar](#) or [the Weekly Experiences calendar](#).
 - [Edit times of day](#) to personalize the suggested content from the *Teaching Guides*.
 - [Add custom activities](#) that you can save to an activities library for future use.
 - [Plan for additional Intentional Teaching Experiences](#).
 - [Add additional Mighty Minutes® activities](#) to your plan.
- ☐ If you are a preschool teacher and have AI's Pals digital access, [add AI's Pals lessons to your weekly plan](#).
- ☐ [Submit your weekly plan](#) to your administrator for approval.
Your administrator may provide additional guidelines for if and when your weekly plans need to be submitted for approval.
- ☐ [Share your approved classroom plans with families](#).
- ☐ [Share family activities and at-home plans with families](#).
Use one of these two methods to share at-home plans with families to extend learning at home.
 - [Share all family activities for a planned week](#).
 - [Share an At-Home Guided Learning Plan from the family resources library](#) to send families a pre-populated plan based on the investigation week of the *Teaching Guide* you are currently implementing.

- ☐ If you are an infants, toddlers & twos teacher, [begin creating your weekly routines plans](#).
 - Create an *Individual Care Plan* for each child for each routine.
 - Select strategies to use for each child for each routine.
 - Plan for routine-specific *Intentional Teaching Experiences*.

Facilitating Instruction from the Day View

Follow the steps below to use [the Day View](#) to facilitate your instruction from the Teach area.

- ☐ [Use the facilitation views while teaching](#).
- ☐ Quickly [add additional resources](#) in-the-moment of your instruction.
- ☐ Use planned [Intentional Teaching Experiences](#).
- ☐ Use planned [Mighty Minutes® activities](#).

Engaging With Families

Follow the steps below to engage in two-way communication with families.

- ☐ If you are a preschool teacher, [review the investigation playlists that are set to auto-share with families on the first day of each investigation](#).
- ☐ [Regularly review the ongoing, two-way conversation with each child's family](#).
 - Begin a conversation, send a new message, or read and respond to a family's most recent reply.
- ☐ [Send announcements](#) to all family members.
- ☐ Share activities from the family resources library.
 - [Share At-Home Guided Learning Plans](#).
 - [Share titles from the Digital Children's Library](#).
 - [Share Development and Learning activities](#).
 - [Share LearningGames®](#).
 - If you have AI's Pals™ digital access, share [AI's Pals songs](#) and [AI's Pals family letters](#).
- ☐ If you are not sharing preschool investigation playlists, [review the monthly SEL home playlists](#) that families have access to on the Teaching Strategies Family app.

Additional Considerations

- ☐ [Access The Hub](#) and engage, connect, and share experiences with other early childhood educators, and participate in the open sharing of ideas.
- ☐ [Access Quorum](#) to review relevant professional development resources.
 - [Access the free product tutorials](#), such as *Introducing MyTeachingStrategies®*, as well as the free 10-hour *Objectives for Development and Learning* course.
 - If you have the professional development Teacher Membership, [complete live virtual classes](#) and [on-demand courses](#).

- [Register for support webinars.](#)
 - Sign up for any upcoming live webinars.
 - Watch [on-demand webinars.](#)