



TAP System Training Portal and CODE, Enhanced

New features will save time and improve the virtual training experience for TAP leaders across the country.

A Word from Central Decatur Community School District, Iowa, Saydel's "Sister" TAP District:

Rosa Sondag teaches Agriculture at Central Decatur High School in Leon, Iowa. She offers a glance into her classroom where TAP and STEM are working hand-in-hand to provide engaging lessons to the students.

"With agriculture there is so much science and technology, and when you look at the mechanics, engineering and math, they are everywhere in agriculture. I have had to learn a lot and to be very open-minded. I keep my classroom project-based and research-based. We spend significant time analyzing data. The kids are doing more of the work, basically learning on their own after I provide initial information and ongoing guidance. I recently taught an assignment on alternative fuels where we looked at taking a product, in this case, corn, and making it work for a different use. The kids ended the unit by creating short videos that they could submit to a larger competition. That's what kids are after: they want that experience in and out of the classroom where they can create, they can design, and they can be recognized for their work. That is what TAP and STEM education can bring to the classroom."



TAP users are logging on and using available online resources through the TAP System Training Portal now more than ever. The system, which launched in September 2010, currently has more than 20,000 TAP System users who are utilizing the site to access information on the TAP System, the evaluation process, trainings and modules as well as videos and templates.

We're making the site even better. Through user feedback and focus groups, we have incorporated many of the requested features and enhancements you've told us you want. These include a "single sign-on" to the portal and CODE, the ability to upload Individual Growth Plan (IGP) documents, and the advantage of syncing data seamlessly from the tapObserver app to CODE. These features will save time and allow TAP leaders to access content more quickly and efficiently.

With 24-7 access for all teachers in TAP schools, the TAP training portal provides individualized support for teachers through resources including hundreds of hours of classroom videos with scoring and evidence aligned to college and career standards, training modules with video clips and other materials on each indicator in the Teaching Standards, a strategies library covering a broad range of grades and subjects, and a wealth of other resources for instructional improvement. CODE provides a powerful system for managing and analyzing teacher and principal evaluation data, supporting evaluator training, and conducting evaluator certification and annual recertification.



Select portal enhancements:

- » Single sign-on to CODE system from the portal and vice versa
- » Improved navigation
- » Enhanced user experience
- » New content (including STEM, Common Core, & Coaching)
- » Archived content
- » Updated navigation
- » Enhanced filters for more accurate content searches, including strategies
- » Enhanced search functionality for videos, modules, and trainings, including searching by overall proficiency level
- » Practice certification tests
- » Virtual conference feature

Select CODE enhancements:

- » Data uploaded directly from the TAPobserver app
- » Updated content management system
- » Ability to upload IGP and other documents
- » Improved report viewing and exporting
- » Enhanced school and district payouts feature
- » Enhanced responsibilities survey interface

The enhancements are scheduled to be available by summer 2014.

For more information, visit www.tapsystem.org.