

Frequently Asked Question about the Framework for Teaching Proficiency Framework System (FFTPS)

Question: How long is the Framework for Teaching Proficiency System (FFTPS) on-line course work?

Answer: There are approximately 20 hours of training material available within the system.

Question: How do I access the Framework for Teaching Proficiency system?

Answer: All certified ASAR members will have access to the proficiency system with their username and password. An email is sent out from Teachscape support. Once you receive the login information sign in with your RCSD email address and the password the system provides. After you get logged into the system you can personalize your password.

Question: What does the test consist of?

Answer: The proficiency exam is focused on Domains and critical attributes of Domain 2 (Classroom environment) and Domain 3 (classroom instruction).

Question: What is the Proficiency System?

Answer: The FFTP is an online tool that will be used to provide support for conducting classroom observations in the Danielson Framework for Teaching (which is the basis for our Rubric). FFTP was developed by Teachscape in collaboration with Charlotte Danielson and ETS, and is based in part on the work that was done in the Measures of Effective Teaching Project ('MET'), funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The system has been implemented successfully with hundreds of observers in the MET study. In the MET Project, observers trained using the Teachscape system passed the proficiency test at a rate of over 90%. Now, this research-validated training and proficiency system is available to help our district improve the accuracy, reliability, and validity of the teacher observation process.

Question: Is the FFTPS test rated using a numeric or percentage score assigned to the test?

Answer: You will receive a pass or fail rating. If you fail you will be unable to take the next section until you review the material again prior to re-taking the section of the test.

Question: How long does it take to complete the on-line training?

Answer: Approximately 20 hours

Question: How long does the test take?

Answer: There are 2 separate sessions of 3.5 hours of testing per Domain 2 and 3. You will have up to a maximum of 6 hours for each tested Domain before the system times out.