# Elevating Instructional Excellence with EE PASS



bserving an effective teacher's lesson is an excellent way to gain new ideas, reflect on your own practice, and identify potential areas for growth and improvement. The conversations sparked between a teacher and a coach when they watch a lesson together and debrief afterward help teachers reflect on and strengthen their instructional practices. Yet given the demands of a school schedule, teachers have few opportunities to observe other teachers' classrooms.

Technology offers a way to increase teachers' ability to observe effective teachers in action. NIET's Educator Effectiveness Preparation and Support System (EE PASS) is a professional learning platform that provides real-time access to NIET's trainings and resources to improve instruction and support professional development.

EE PASS houses a video library of classroom lessons across grade levels and subject areas, along with lesson plans and the scores and evidence collected by observers. In addition to the full lesson video, the post-conference debriefing with the teacher to discuss the strengths of the lesson and how the lesson could have been improved is also available.

Individual teachers can watch, analyze, and discuss effective instructional practices using EE PASS. The platform and its resources are also a powerful tool for coaches, leaders, and evaluators to use in illustrating and discussing instruction. EE PASS resources and the video library are particularly valuable in conversations with teachers about how instructional practices need to change as new high-quality instructional materials are adopted.

EE PASS features, content, and resources are continuously expanded and refreshed including during a system-wide upgrade in 2023. The new features from this recent upgrade include functionality that brings new content to your attention based on your profile — with "Recommended" and "Liked" content appearing at the top of the Content Library page.

EE PASS is user-friendly, with a modernized, customizable view and an innovative analytics panel that gives leaders access to realtime observation and certification data. With all its resources, analytics, and customizations, EE PASS is useful and relevant for all educators, from classroom teachers to district administrators and everyone in between.

# TEACHERS OWN THEIR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH EE PASS

Teachers and leaders can access EE PASS at any time of day and from any device. This unlimited, 24/7 access allows teachers to take charge of their own professional learning. In addition to coaching from teacher and school leaders, teachers can watch videos and access resources on topics that they wish to strengthen.

## EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS AND SUPPORT

EE PASS provides access to valuable professional development, training, and certification resources through a single port of entry.

#### **RESOURCE LIBRARY**

Educators can choose what they would like to learn from a continuously updated resource library that includes videos, documents, and templates.



**569 RESOURCES FROM NIET'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE**, including PowerPoint slides, clips, and handouts from trainings



**40 MODULES** or interactive training experiences, featuring specific instructional indicators in the *Teaching and Learning Standards Rubric* and a variety of other topics

**55 DOCUMENTS** and templates to support collaboration and feedback



**369 CLIPS** that illustrate a range of topics, from classroom practice to leadership team meetings and coaching sessions

#### **VIDEO LIBRARY**

Educators can learn from experts to further their understanding and effectiveness in various areas through videos, including footage from classroom lessons, pre- and post-conference discussions, cluster meetings, and leadership team meetings.

"It is powerful to watch another teacher use an instructional strategy and then be able to analyze what was effective or where I can improve. EE PASS allows me to do my own learning."

JESSICA CARMEAN

MASTER TEACHER JEFFERSON PARISH SCHOOLS, LOUISIANA "EE PASS is a great resource for me as a master teacher. The videos are especially helpful as I support and coach teachers. I can look up videos of different instructional strategies to illustrate what they look like in a classroom."

LAURA HERSHBERGER MASTER TEACHER AVONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ARIZONA

## EE PASS STRENGTHENS TEACHER LEADER COACHING AND SUPPORT

EE PASS is a valuable coaching tool for teacher leaders. Teacher leaders can either watch videos and walk through supporting documents alongside a teacher to demonstrate strategies, or EE PASS resources can be shared as follow-up materials from a coaching conversation. Teacher leaders can also use EE PASS to refine their own instructional skills.

## EE PASS PROVIDES DISTRICT AND SCHOOL LEADERS WITH INSIGHTS ON TEACHER NEEDS

EE PASS also has resources for district administrators and instructional leadership teams. EE PASS offers an easy-touse interface for entering and analyzing teacher observation data. The system enhances the observation process by facilitating the collection and communication of relevant and actionable feedback. "We use EE PASS as a management tool for teacher observations and feedback. After observations, EE PASS helps us determine teacher needs. It creates reports that are beneficial in planning professional learning for teachers. With these reports, we can determine what our teachers need to see modeled in a cluster meeting to strengthen their practice."

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