

## **SY 2025-26 Training and Support Plan for TS GOLD®**

**Detailed information to support the administration of 4K Readiness Assessments for districts using Teaching Strategies GOLD®.**

### **Professional Learning Opportunities**

**Preregistration is required. Max registration 30 participants.**

Training is open to all associated with the administration of Teaching Strategies GOLD®.

Training may be offered in-person or virtual but not hybrid. All training registrations close 1 week prior to the event or once the registration has reached capacity.

### **Getting Started With GOLD® (3-hour Virtual)**

Explore the power of GOLD® in this 3-hour professional development session. Attendees will learn how to use the Objectives for Development and Learning and progressions of development and learning to focus observations. Additionally, attendees will learn how to use some of the most important assessment features in MyTeachingStrategies®, including documentation entry and checkpoint completion.

<b>Date of Training</b>	<b>Registration Link</b>
<b>Friday, July 11, 9:00 am-12:00 pm</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_july_11_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_july_11_2025</a>
<b>Thursday, July 31, 8:30 am-11:30 am</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_july_31_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_july_31_2025</a>
<b>Thursday, August 14, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_august_14_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_august_14_2025</a>
<b>Thursday, November 13, 9:00 am-12:00 pm</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_november_13_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/getting_started_with_gold_november_13_2025</a>

### **Introduction to GOLD® (6-hour)**

Assessment is a vital piece of effective and responsive teaching. During this hands-on 1-day session, participants will examine the importance of ongoing formative assessment and reflect on their current

teaching and assessment practices. Participants will practice using a variety of tools to gather authentic information about children’s knowledge, skills, and abilities. By leveraging the progressions of development and learning, participants will strengthen their ability to make accurate assessment decisions. Participants will also explore digital tools used to bolster family partnerships and engage in two-way communication. Prerequisites: None

<b>Date and Location of Training</b>	<b>Registration Link</b>
<b>Thursday, July 24, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (in-person)</b>  <b>849 Learning Lane, West Columbia, SC 29172</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_july_24_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_july_24_2025</a>
<b>Tuesday, August 5, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm (in-person)</b>  <b>849 Learning Lane, West Columbia, SC 29172</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_august_5_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_august_5_2025</a>
<b>Friday, August 8, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (Virtual)</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_august_8_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_august_8_2025</a>
<b>Thursday, August 28, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (Virtual)</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_august_28_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_august_28_2025</a>
<b>Wednesday, February 25, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (in-person)</b>  <b>849 Learning Lane, West Columbia, SC 29172</b>	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_february_25_2026">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/intro_to_gold_february_25_2026</a>

### **Enhancing the IRR (3-hour Virtual)**

Interrater Reliability is a process designed to verify a teacher’s ability to assign accurate and reliable assessment levels to observations and documentation of children’s knowledge, skills, and abilities. Achieving Interrater Reliability means that a teacher’s assessment decisions align with those of the expert raters at Teaching Strategies® who developed GOLD® as a system to support ongoing, authentic, observation-based assessment. Achieving interrater reliability (or reliability for any tool) can be challenging. During this 3-hour session, participants will be introduced to helpful strategies for navigating the interrater reliability process successfully. Additionally, participants will be led by a Teaching Strategies® expert through a series of practice exercises, evaluating example evidence of social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and mathematics development and learning and hearing details on why a piece of documentation and the knowledge skills and abilities it reflects is

assigned a particular rating. Prerequisite: Participants should have previously completed Introduction to GOLD® or Getting Started with GOLD® prior to this session.

Date of Training	Registration Link
Thursday, July 31, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/enhancing_the_irr_july_31_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/enhancing_the_irr_july_31_2025</a>

### **GOLD® for Administrators and Coaches: Using Data to Support Children, Families, and Teachers (6-hour Virtual)**

During this 1-day session, administrators, coaches, and program leaders will learn how to support the implementation of Teaching Strategies GOLD®. Participants will examine the characteristics of high-quality documentation, discover how to navigate the Assess tab in MyTeachingStrategies®, and explore the powerful reporting resources that can inform data driven decision-making. Participants will also discover strategies that support program management, leadership, and data-driven decision-making. Administrators and coaches will identify strategies to support educators throughout the assessment process and will analyze and construct plans to respond to current program data. Prerequisite: Participants should have previously completed Introduction to GOLD® or Getting Started with GOLD® prior to this session.

Date of Training	Registration Link
Wednesday, August 20, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm	<a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/gold_for_admins_and_coaches_august_20_2025">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/gold_for_admins_and_coaches_august_20_2025</a>

### **Returning Teachers (Test Administrators)**

Having a completed Interrater Reliability (IRR) certification is the best possible way to ensure that test administrators are completed TS GOLD with validity and fidelity. SCDE advises that all returning test administrators have completed Interrater Reliability (IRR) with an active certificate (valid for 3 years). For information on completing this certification visit:

<https://teachingstrategies.my.site.com/portal/s/article/What-is-Interrater-Reliability>

To check the status of your certificate login into SmartTeach (<https://login.app.teachingstrategies.com/>) and navigate to Develop>IRR Dashboard

## **Monthly Virtual Office Hours with SCDE & TS GOLD®**

**3:00 pm-3:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month**

Anyone associated with administering TS GOLD® is invited to attend. This is an opportunity for collaboration and support. The meetings will not be recorded but any topics that come up that need to be shared with all districts will be emailed out later.

### **[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 279 285 326 251

Passcode: rv3Ft3F9

- May 8, 2025
- June 12, 2025
- July 10, 2025
- August 14, 2025
- September 11, 2025
- October 9, 2025
- November 13, 2025

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### **Contact:**

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