

Launch your Newsela subscription

This guide outlines the best practices and steps for rolling Newsela out to New York City teachers.



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Set goals and expectations

- ☐ Consider your goals with Newsela for your school.
- ☐ Identify and empower Newsela champions to provide individual support to their peers with best practices and classroom application.
- ☐ Incorporate relevant texts on Newsela into year-long curriculum.

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Sign-in

- ☐ Use Teach Hub / Clever to sign-on and sync your classes.
- ☐ Access step-by-step set up and [teacher sign-on instructions](#).
- ☐ Determine which devices teachers and students will use to access Newsela during instructional time.

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Welcome teachers

- ☐ Identify and empower Newsela champions who can [become Newsela Certified Educators](#) and share best practices with peers.
- ☐ Share [Citywide Professional Learning schedule](#) with teachers to encourage them to learn more about Newsela and instructional use cases.
- ☐ Ensure teachers have synced classes from Clever on Newsela by following the directions [here](#).
- ☐ Encourage teachers to visit our [Educator Center](#) for support, professional learning, and access to other Newsela educators in our Community.

How Newsela can support students this year

Acceleration, not remediation

Newsela allows you to package just the concepts and standards that students will need for this school year into remixable assignments. With Newsela subject products, teachers can search for content by standard or skills to create flexible text sets, or leverage curated collections that support engaging, subject-specific lessons. Customizable annotations, leveled texts, and read aloud mode can help teachers scaffold instruction for struggling readers so that all students (regardless of reading level) can access grade-level content.



Social-emotional learning

Following a year of disruption and trauma for many students, it's more important than ever that instruction focuses on recovering students' relationships and resilience. Use Newsela content to facilitate meaningful discussions and build teacher-to-student and student-to-student connections. Many Newsela collections also include embedded SEL supports that can help students process complex topics and get into the mindset to learn.

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Cross-curricular Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education

Newsela's instructional content supports CR-SE and promotes Anti-Bias, Anti-Racist Instruction that consists of five criteria used to evaluate the instructional content: identity, diversity, justice, action, and rigor.

Newsela saves teachers time by offering them multiple entry points - including topic, skills, modality and genre - to quickly and easily surface cross-curricular SEL and CR-SE content in Newsela's subject areas and collections.



Content that students love

At Newsela, student engagement drives everything we do. When schools and districts implement Newsela, teachers and students get access to thousands of vetted, standards-aligned pieces of content that are authentic and current, so students can learn about topics that are interesting and relevant to their lives. Content is organized into collections that teachers can assign directly to students, and include instructional resources that help teachers lead lively lessons.

Checklist for School Leaders

January - February

- ☐ Share your school goals for Newsela with faculty, including which grade levels & subjects will use Newsela.
- ☐ Think through the role Newsela will play in accelerating learning.
- ☐ Encourage teachers to sync their Clever rosters with Newsela with [these directions](#).
- ☐ Encourage teachers to attend [Citywide and District Professional Learning sessions](#).

March - April

- ☐ Send insights about student engagement with Newsela to their families throughout the year.
- ☐ Meet with teachers or allow professional learning time to discuss usage, progress, and classroom-support needs.
- ☐ Ensure teachers are utilizing the [Educator Center](#), which includes support, professional learning, and our Newsela Community.
- ☐ Monitor how students and teachers are using Newsela for opportunities for deeper engagement.

May - June

- ☐ Plan for next year with Newsela by offering faculty time to update lessons, explore new content, and find new resources.
- ☐ Identify opportunities to include Newsela content in summer reading plans.
- ☐ Reflect on your school's Newsela goals and celebrate your success. Award students and teachers who have demonstrated increased engagement or creative classroom practices.

