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The National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality

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The TQ Center Mission



To serve as the premier national resource to which the regional comprehensive assistance centers, states, and other education stakeholders turn for strengthening the quality of teaching—especially in high-poverty, low-performing, and hard-to-staff schools—and for finding guidance in addressing specific needs, thereby ensuring highly qualified teachers are serving students with special needs.

Goals

- Promote successful implementation of the teacher quality requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act by disseminating critically reviewed research, strategies, practices, and tools.
- Ensure a highly qualified teacher workforce by developing needs-based solutions.

Goals

- Broaden the understanding and use of successful models and practices.
- Galvanize public and policy support to meet the demands of NCLB related to teacher quality.

TQ Center Website: www.tqsource.org

The screenshot shows the website for the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality (TQ Center). The browser window title is "National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality - Windows Internet Explorer" and the address bar shows "http://www.tqsource.org/". The website header features the TQ Center logo and a search bar. A navigation menu on the left includes links for Home, About Us, TQ Connection, Technical Assistance Toolbox, ARRA Resources, Events/Webcasts, TQ Research Library, Interactive Tools, and Comprehensive System of Support. The main content area is divided into several sections: a "Goals" section with a list of bullet points, an "In the Spotlight" section with a sub-section for "Innovation Configurations", and a "Latest TQ Center Resources" section with several "New!" announcements. A photograph of a teacher in a classroom is also visible. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the time 2:23 PM and date 8/2/2011.

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The National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality (TQ Center) is a national resource for:

- [Regional Comprehensive Centers](#)
- State Departments of Education
- And other education stakeholders

Goals:

- Improve the quality of teaching, especially in high-poverty, low-performing, and hard-to-staff schools.
- Provide guidance to ensure that highly qualified teachers are serving students with special needs.

In the Spotlight

Innovation Configurations

Teacher effectiveness, equitable distribution, and teacher preparation are inextricably linked. Recognizing that evidence-based practices account for at least part of the effects of teachers on achievement and the critical role of teacher preparation, the TQ Center offers innovation configurations to promote the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices in teacher preparation activities.

[Teacher Leader Model Standards](#)
[Teacher Leadership Exploratory Consortium](#)

The purpose of these standards—like all model standards—is to stimulate dialogue among stakeholders of the teaching profession about what constitutes the knowledge, skills, and competencies that teachers need to assume leadership roles in their schools, districts, and the profession.

[Teacher Evaluation Models in Practice](#)

Latest TQ Center Resources

New! [Online Practical Guide to Designing Comprehensive Teacher Evaluation Systems](#)

New! [TQ Policy-to-Practice Brief Alternative Measures of Teacher Performance](#)

New! [Innovation Configurations](#)

New! [Research & Policy Brief Measuring Teachers' Contributions to Student Learning Growth for Nontested Subjects and Grades](#)

New! [Research & Policy Brief High Quality Professional Development for All Teachers: Effectively Allocating Resources](#)

New! [Guide to Teacher Evaluation Products](#)

What We Do

- Convenings and Networks
- Print and Online Publications
- Technical Assistance
- Online Resources

Convenings and Networks

- Annual What Works Conferences
- Issue Forums
- Workshops
- Webcasts

Print and Online Products

- Research Syntheses
- Research-to-Practice Briefs
- Policy-to-Practice Briefs
- Research and Policy Briefs
- Research and Policy Updates (newsletter)
- Biennial Report
- Key Issues: Tips & Tools

Technical Assistance

- In-depth technical assistance
 - Southwest Comprehensive Center
- One-shot technical assistance
 - One week turnaround response
- Build the capacity RCCs

Online Resources-

- **Teacher Evaluation Models in Practice (TEMP)**
 - **Organized around eight components**
 - Evaluation System Goals
 - Communicator & Stakeholder Involvement
 - Evaluation Format
 - Strength of Measures
 - Evaluator Selection & Training
 - Alignment with Professional Development & Standards
 - Data Infrastructure & Transparency
 - System Evaluation
 - **Three examples**
 - Chicago Public Schools
 - St. Francis, MN
 - Austin Independent School District

Online Resources

- **Guide to Evaluation Products**

- More than 75 teacher evaluation tools that are currently implemented and tested in districts and states throughout the country
- Research and resources
- Information on the teacher and student populations assessed
- Costs, contact information, and technical support offered

- **Online Practical Guide**

- Overview
- Guiding Questions
- Development Resources
- Real-life Examples

- **TQ Connection**

- Discussion forum focused on special education teacher preparation

Questions?

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