

RTNDF's Teacher-to-Teacher Guide

Learn Your State Requirements

"One of the first things I recommend a new teacher do is find out what exists in the local district or on a state level because states are different," says Janet, who has helped dozens of teachers in West Virginia start broadcast programs. "Are there course descriptions and titles already in existence? If so, that gives leverage to start the program. If not, local school boards in West Virginia have the privilege of approving their own courses."

Specifically, she says, find out what content standards and/or task lists already exist with your state's Department of Education. This information will be the basis for any curriculum that you develop. What course titles are approved and what teacher certification is required to teach these classes? Janet also notes that principals will be concerned with whether a current teacher holds the certification to teach these classes or whether hiring additional faculty will be required

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