



**PBS TeacherLine PC Study
Instructional Coach/Mentor Consent Form**

WestEd, a non-profit educational research and development agency, is conducting a study funded by the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). The purpose of the study is to test the efficacy of PBS TeacherLine Peer Connection, an online suite of tools and resources designed to support instructional coaches/mentors and the teachers they serve. The study will be a randomized control trial examining the efficacy of PBS TeacherLine PC with regard to changes in instructional coach/mentor and teacher practices. You are being invited to participate as an instructional coach/mentor.

Participation in WestEd’s PBS TeacherLine PC study includes the following activities over the 2 years of the study (the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years):

- Being randomly assigned to either the control or the treatment group.
- Taking one online survey in the first year and one online survey in the second year in the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years, which will inquire about your practices as an instructional coach/mentor and the classroom practice of the teachers you serve (about 40 minutes each). Some participants may participate in short interviews (about 45 minutes) and brief observations of PBS TeacherLine PC use.
- If selected for the treatment group, participate in brief online PBS TeacherLine PC training sessions.
- If selected for the treatment group, use PBS TeacherLine PC according to minimum requirements specified at the beginning of the study (Significant use—a minimum 4x/month during the school year and minimal use of specific tools).

To participate, you must:

- Be a full-time instructional coach/mentor to full-time teachers of mathematics and/or English Language Arts.
- Have access to the Internet and to computers that meet PBS TeacherLine PC requirements.

If you are selected for the treatment group, you will receive stipends totaling \$1000 (upon completion of the yearly activities) over the 2-year period.

If selected for the control group, you will receive stipends totaling \$600 over the course of the 2-year study, and your entire school faculty will be given access to the PBS TeacherLine PC after the study is completed for two years.

<p>Purpose. This study will allow researchers to determine what effect PBS TeacherLine PC has on schools.</p> <p>Selection. Your school was selected randomly from among those in the participating districts to use PBS TeacherLine PC.</p> <p>Participation is voluntary. Participation in the research study is voluntary. Whether or not you choose to take part in the research will have no bearing on your standing or employment at your school. You have the right to withdraw at any time and may do so without penalty.</p> <p>All information is confidential. All information will be used for research purposes only, and your identification will not appear in any reports on the study’s outcomes. Any names and other identifying information will be kept secure in locked paper files and password-protected computer files. The researchers want to know about the overall impact of PBS TeacherLine PC on schools. This study is not evaluating you or your performance.</p>	<p>Risks/benefits. There are no foreseeable risks of physical, psychological, or social harm to you from this study, nor are there foreseeable benefits beyond the training and compensation listed above. Your participation will help gauge the effectiveness of the PBS TeacherLine PC system.</p> <p>Compensation. You will receive stipends totaling \$1000 to cover the additional time you will put into completing the project activities if you are in the treatment group, or \$600 total if you are in the control group.</p> <p>Questions. If you have questions about this study, you may contact our Recruitment Coordinator, Kathleen Lepori at klepori@wested.org or 650-381-6424.</p> <p>If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, you may contact WestEd's Institutional Review Board at 877.493.7833, x3202, or subjects@wested.org.</p>
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To participate in this study, please sign and return the consent form below to WestEd. Keep an extra copy of the form for your reference. (See below on how to return the form.)

Instructional Coach Consent to Participate:

I have read this consent form, and I agree to take part in WestEd’s PBS TeacherLine PC study. I agree to all required project activities. I give WestEd permission to use the data gathered from me over the course of the study, which will remain anonymous. I understand that only fictitious names will be used in all publications. I understand that I have the option to opt out of the study at any time.

Instructional Coach/Mentor signature

Date

Instructional Coach/Mentor name (PLEASE PRINT)

School name

District name

Type of Instructional Coach/Mentor (beginning, ELA, Math, etc.) & Grade Level

Personal email address

Work email address

Home/Cell phone number

Work phone number

Please return your signed consent form to Kathleen Lepori, Recruitment Coordinator:

- Scan and send via email to klepori@wested.org
- Via fax to 650-381-6401 or,
- US mail to: Kathleen Lepori
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If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kathleen via email (klepori@wested.org) or by phone at 650-381-6424. Thank You!