

ECRI Use in Response to COVID–19

We at the Center on Teaching and Learning (CTL) at the University of Oregon (UO) are getting a number of requests on ways ECRI instruction might continue in the midst of COVID–19. Some teachers want to know if they can videotape ECRI lessons and share the videos with others to support student reading progress while children are out of school.

ECRI authors want to do everything they can to support teachers, schools, and students in these challenging times. Consequently, teachers who want to videotape ECRI lessons for their students should feel free to do so. At CTL, we'd like to provide four guidelines so teachers and schools will know how this can work:

- Videotaping ECRI lessons for instruction can occur as long as students remain out of school. When students return to school, ECRI instruction should resume as normal. Additional guidance will be provided to support this transition, as needed.
- The option of videotaping applies to current ECRI teachers who have purchased ECRI materials (or their school has for them). If teachers want to work together to coordinate videotaping they can, as long as the teachers involved are authorized to use ECRI.
- Videotaping and delivery of remote ECRI instruction cannot be used for commercial purposes. Students should not be charged and other teachers or schools should not be charged to view or use disseminated videos.
- Schools should use “private” or “password protection” features when posting the videos to ensure that they are solely being used for their specific audience. If needed, teachers should be able to work with their school’s technology team to get guidance on how to securely post the videos and provide access. This could include posting to a secure file-sharing network, adding passwords to files, using privacy and permission settings, and/or only sending direct access links to view. Files should be removed when no longer needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you so much for your interest in continuing to support your students in these difficult times!