

Student and Family Engagement Resources for Educators Fall 2021

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### Dear Educators,

Welcome to the new school year! We know you are excited to see your students again, and we are pleased to continue providing you with engagement resources that support your Freckle implementation.

If you are wondering about the "right time" to introduce Freckle to your classroom, we recommend as early as possible in the new school year. Freckle can help determine students' instructional levels and signal where any learning gaps might be present—and provide practice for your students at the level they need to get a strong start to the year.

Freckle supports you and your students as part of instructional warm-ups, differentiated practice, formative assessments, homework, blended learning, rotating stations, intervention, projectbased learning, enrichment, and during breaks.



This back-to-school kit was designed to help you engage students during supplemental instructional time throughout the school day and during out-of-school-time, too. It includes time-saving ideas, templates, and handouts to guide students in meaningful math and ELA practice and to encourage their families to help them get the most from Freckle. (Remember to send communication to families describing the program and providing login instructions if you intend for students to practice at home.)

Thank you for the work you do with your students all year long. We are honored to partner with you!



The Freckle by Renaissance Team

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By participating in National Honor Roll, I feel more confident in using the reports and resources that Renaissance provides. I also love the motivation it gives me to monitor my students and the goals they are working towards because of this extra incentive it provides!

Megan G. – Louisiana

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**NOTE:** Multiple versions of handouts and templates are available in this kit, including those with and without character graphics, so you can select the best match for your students and families.

Download a quick list of these handouts and templates.





# Engage Students in a Variety of Ways and Settings

Here are a few tips from other educators that may be helpful as you are planning the new school year, whether you will be teaching in person, virtually, or in a hybrid environment.

### Warm-up / exit tickets (Hybrid)

Freckle has a built-in option to create warm-up problem sets or exit tickets. This is done through the targeted practice sequence, where you may select shorter assignments of 3 or 5 questions.

### Workstations (In-person / In-classroom)

Students may be working on various domains per station or one station may be a dedicated Freckle station where students work on a domain of choice.

### Breakout rooms (Virtual)

Use breakout rooms to replace workstations in a virtual environment.

### Homework tool (Hybrid)

Freckle is a great paperless replacement for homework sheets. Assign students adaptive practice or targeted practice for homework replacements that grade themselves!

### Small group lessons (In-person / In-classroom)

Freckle can address the varying needs of a classroom and is perfect for small-group exercises! Freckle inquiry-based lessons are a great assignment for the whole class or in small groups.

### 1:1 practice / intervention (Hybrid)

Teachers have often used Freckle for intervention. Since Freckle provides students the opportunity to work at their level, it prevents frustration, builds confidence, and facilitates growth.

### **Class practice competition (Hybrid)**

Organize a classroom competition for a week. Reward the student who answers the most questions correctly or completes the most practice sessions with a Freckle certificate! (Certificate templates are available in this kit.)

### Early finishers "may-do" (In-person / In-classroom)

When students are finished with class activities early, allow them to use their free time productively with Freckle. Fact practice is a great option if time is short.

### Quizzes (In-person / In-classroom)

Benchmark assessments offer a paperless quiz or test replacement that grades itself!









Before jumping into this kit, it is important to introduce you to the various modes you may want to direct your students to focus on during the school day or while students are practicing at home.

Keep in mind that all Freckle practice sessions meet students at their level, unless a teacher makes a targeted assignment. Therefore, using Freckle as a supplemental resource can be as simple as a single step—providing students with their login information.

Math	ELA
Adaptive Practice	Library
Fact Practice	Word Study
Focus Skills*	Skills Practice

\*Focus Skills is a powerful practice mode for students connected with <u>Star Assessments</u>. This <u>article</u> explains the Focus Skills practice mode. If your students are eligible, Focus Skills is a great way to help close learning gaps.





## **Start-Up Steps & Practice Methods**

It's easy to keep your students engaged in learning at home with Freckle! Here is a helpful guide to get your students ready to practice at home on computers or iPads.

Note: Step 1 is the only required step to get students practicing while at home.

### 1. Prepare login information for students and parents

Send your 6-digit class code to parents so they can help students log in to Freckle at home. To find Freckle login cards, please follow these steps:

- Log in to your teacher dashboard
- Click Roster
- Identify your desired class and click the gear on the right
- Select Print Login Cards
- Click Print to either print or save the card(s) as a PDF

Note: If students have been using SSO for Freckle, they should continue to do so while using Freckle at home. If there are any issues, please direct parents to <a href="mailto:support@freckle.com">support@freckle.com</a>.

### 2. Share the letter to families

If families want to learn more, direct them to our blog, *Freckle at home: A guide for families*. Be sure to tell parents that you have already been using Freckle in class, so they will not need to set up new Freckle accounts.





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### Start-Up Steps & Practice Methods (continued)

### 3. Select your Freckle practice method

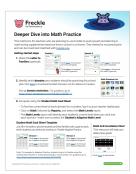
Freckle is a flexible resource, providing educators with a variety of options to guide and support student learning in any environment. Here are three approaches for independent, at-home practice. Use the templates in this kit to support your communication with students and families, as well as to celebrate student accomplishments.



### Freckle Lite (Math or ELA)

This method is the most time efficient for teachers. Just prepare and share informational materials with students and their families using the resources in this kit.

Click here to download the plan



### **Deeper Dive into Math**

This method is for teachers who are planning to push growth and learning in math during supplemental resource time in school or at home. It is not prescriptive and can be mixed and matched with Freckle Lite.

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### **Deeper Dive into ELA**

This method is for teachers planning to use Freckle with stronger fidelity to push students' growth and learning. It is not prescriptive and can be mixed and matched with Freckle Lite.

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### **DIY Student Challenge Ideas**

Challenge your students to practice their skills at home. Use the flyer template to announce your challenge. Students can use the calendar template to track their progress. Use the certificate templates to recognize and reward their achievements.

Here are a few ideas:

- A reward for every student who practices at least 20 minutes per week
- A prize for the student who grows the most levels
- A prize for the student who practices the most minutes



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### **Calender Template** Version 1

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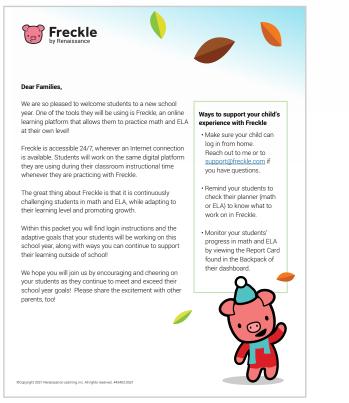




## Letter to Families

Use this letter as it is written, or customize it to reflect your message to families about the importance of supporting their students' engagement with Freckle.

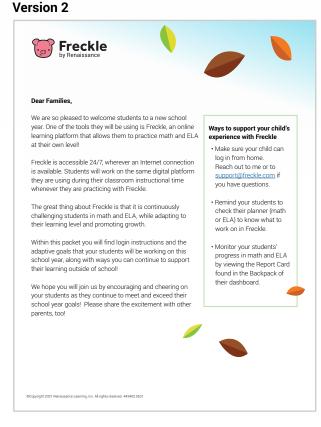
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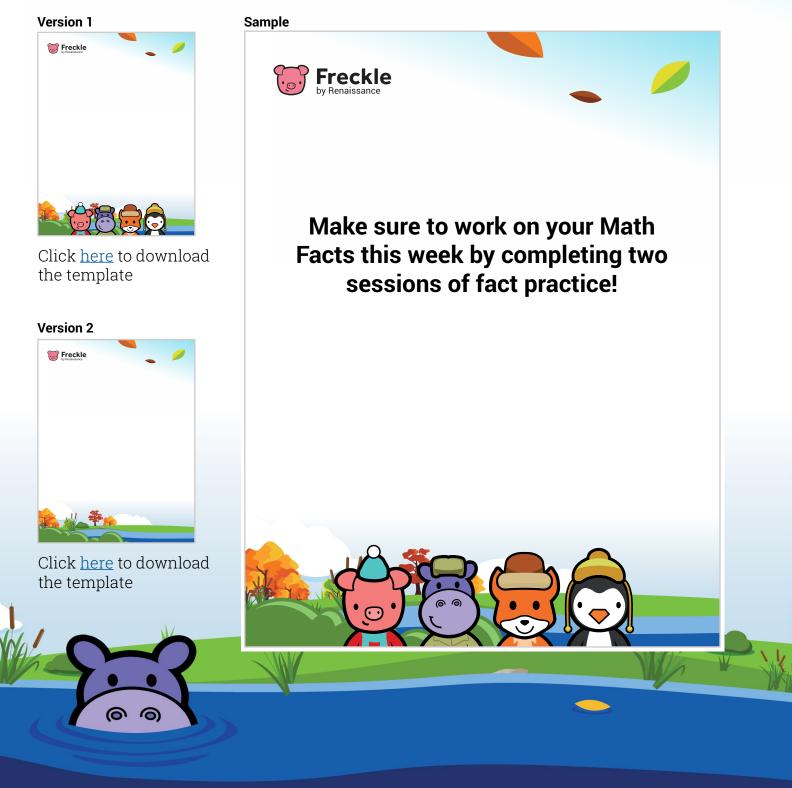
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# **Flyer Templates**

Use these flyers to communicate your message to students and families.



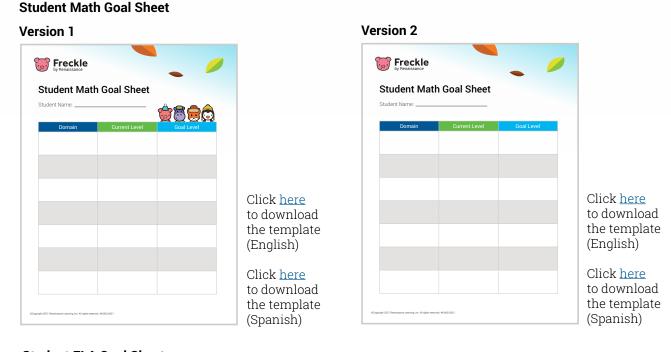




# **Student Goal Sheet Templates**

Just fill in the table to provide students and their families with a goal to reach, which students can achieve by working on Freckle Adaptive Practice.

**Note:** To navigate to Adaptive Practice at home, students log in to Freckle using the same method they use while in school. For guidance, go to <u>https://help2.renaissance.com/freckle/207268788</u>.

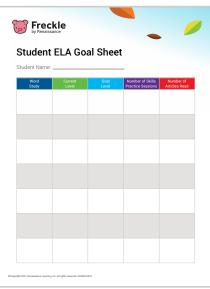












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## **Student Practice Planner Templates**

Students can use these planners to track the work they do each week. Premium users are encouraged to create assignments within Freckle that work in conjunction with these planners.

Student Math Practice Planner			
Practice Modes	Adaptive Practice	Fact Practice	Focus Skills Practice
Monday			
Tuesday			
Vednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

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Student	ELA Prac	tice Planner	
Practice Modes:	U Word Study	□ Skills Practice	Library
Monday			
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Use these flexible calendars in your classroom and/or provide them to students and families as another fun resource to track their activity.



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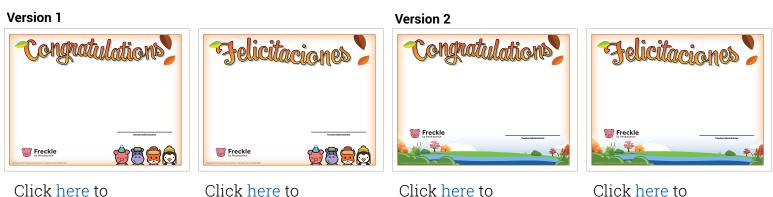




# **Student Certificate Templates**

Create student certificates that acknowledge student accomplishments and align to your goals.

Sample	-
Congratulations	
Student Name	
Daily Goal-Breaker	
Teacher/Administrator	
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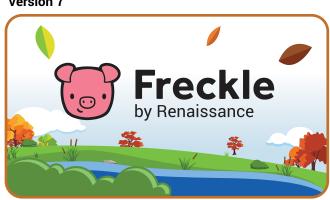
# Web Badges

Add one or more of these themed badges to your website and social media to encourage student engagement.





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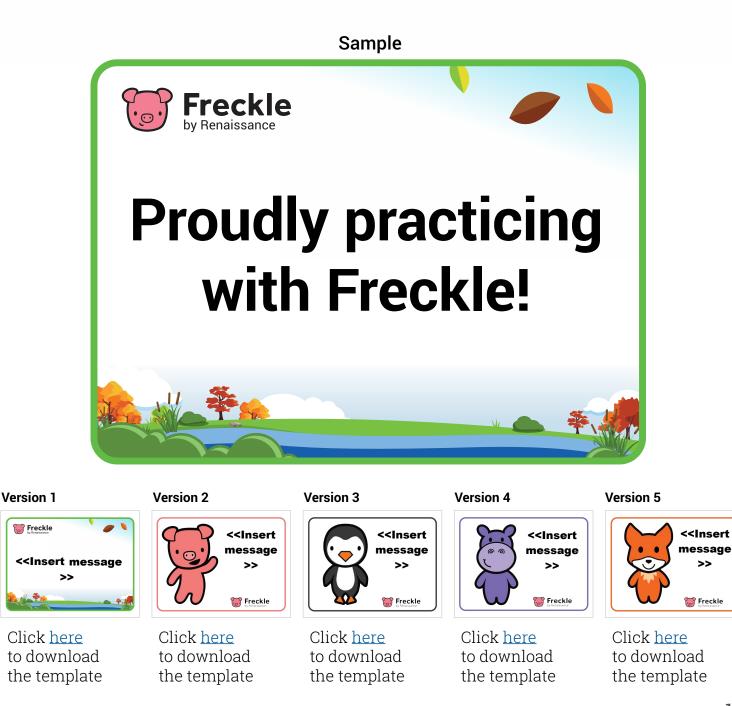




# **Yard Sign Templates**

Offer families another fun way to celebrate their students' accomplishments with customized yard signs.

Printer instructions are in the individual yard sign files.



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