



# REEF Teaches!

User Guide & Quick Start Tutorial

**Welcome, and thank you for piloting REEF Teaches!** This guide walks you through everything you need — from creating your account to finding and using skill resources for your students.

## 1 Setting Up Your Account

Getting started is quick and easy. Follow these steps to create your account:

1. Visit the app at <https://reef-teaches-production.up.railway.app/>
2. Click "Create Account" on the home screen
3. Enter your name, email address, and a password (at least 6 characters)
4. Click "Create Account" — you'll see a confirmation message
5. Wait for approval — you'll be ready to go within 24 hours!

### Note on Approval

All accounts are manually reviewed and approved by Kaylee to ensure a safe, trusted community of educators. You will be approved within 24 hours. Once approved, simply log in with your email and password to access all features.

## 2 What's Inside — App Overview

REEF Teaches! gives you access to **724 skills** directly aligned to the **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Essential Elements** — covering both ELA and Math across all grade levels.

Each skill includes subject, grade level, domain, linkage level, and aligned Essential Elements. High Leverage Skills are marked with a gold badge and come with a detailed Resource Document (see Step 4).

### What are High Leverage Skills?

These are the most critical, high-impact skills for students with significant cognitive disabilities — the skills most likely to support real-world independence and academic growth.

### 3 Finding the Right Skills — Filtering & Search

Use the powerful filter tools at the top of the Skills page to quickly narrow down to exactly what you need. You can combine multiple filters at once!

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|  <b>Subject</b><br>Filter by ELA or Math                                  |  <b>Grade Level</b><br>Select one or multiple grades (K–12)                                            |
|  <b>Domain</b><br>Filter by ELA or Math domain area                       |  <b>Linkage Level</b><br>Initial Precursor, Distal Precursor, Proximal Precursor, Target, or Successor |
|  <b>High Leverage Only</b><br>Show only the most critical priority skills |  <b>Keyword Search</b><br>Type any word to search across all skill descriptions                        |

 **Tip: Start broad and narrow down!**

For example, select Math → Grade 3–5 → High Leverage Only to get a focused, manageable list of priority skills perfectly matched to your caseload.

### 4 Resource Documents

Every ★ **HIGH LEVERAGE** skill comes with a comprehensive **Resource Document**. Click "  Open Resource Document" at the bottom of any High Leverage skill card to access it.

Each Resource Document includes:

- ✓ Detailed skill description and context
- ✓ Suggested skill mastery criteria
- ✓ Teaching ideas and instructional strategies
- ✓ Verbal Behavior connections
- ✓ Tips for students who are blind or have visual impairments
- ✓ A ready-to-use lesson plan
- ✓ A data collection sheet

 **In Progress**

Resource Documents are also being developed for many additional skills beyond the High Leverage set. These will continue to be updated, expanded, and improved over time — so check back regularly!

## 5 App Features — Favorites & Feedback

REEF Teaches! includes several features to help you personalize your experience and help us improve the app:

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| <br><b>Favorites</b><br>Click the star (top-right of any skill card) to save it. Access saved skills via the Favorites button in the header. | <br><b>Skill Feedback</b><br>See the red flag in the bottom-right of each skill card? Click it to share feedback on that specific skill or resource. | <br><b>General Feedback</b><br>Use the Feedback button in the top-right header to share overall thoughts about the app anytime. |
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### We want to hear from you!

Please share what you like, what you don't like, and anything that isn't working correctly. Your feedback directly shapes how this app grows. Every comment is read and appreciated!

## Questions, Comments, or Concerns?

Don't hesitate to reach out directly:

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*Thank you so very much for helping to pilot this new app and for all the amazing work you do for your students!*

***Yours in education,***

***Kaylee***