

## **The flipped or inverted classroom in Spain**

Flipped or inverted classroom is a form of the teaching-learning system in which students learn new content online by watching video lectures, usually at home, and what used to be homework (assigned problems) is now done in class with teacher offering more personalized guidance and interaction with students instead of lecturing.

This teaching method is not widely known and spread in Spain yet but there are many brave teachers that, individually, have had the will to prepare their own projects and stand up for them in front of their schools' teaching staff.

As a meeting point for all those educators, a group of professors and primary and secondary education teachers created the website <http://www.theflippedclassroom.es/> where they can share experiences and resources.

The flipped classroom method is mainly used in private schools where the budget for new technologies and the students' socioeconomic context is higher so pupils can have easy access to a computer.

Fortunately, bit by bit, this method is being implemented in some state schools such as [Alcalde de Móstoles state school](#) in Aluche, Madrid, in which 10-year-old children learn Spanish language and Maths following the inverted classroom techniques.

Another example in public education is our own experience at IEDA. Instead of giving lessons in the traditional way, we create our own [materials](#) so that our students become the protagonists of their learning process while we, the teachers, play a supporting role as a coach or guide. In our school, pupils are treated as individuals taking into account that each one has its own learning pace and personal circumstances. The task is the beginning, the starting point from which the student looks at and up what they need to know and then asking for further explanations/clarification from the teacher. We work with each person individually although we also encourage cooperative work and communication among students.

The INTEF (National Institute of Educational Technologies and Teachers' Training) is the main public institution that offers lots of online courses including the [flipped classroom](#). This link provides free access to a whole course on this methodology.