Furman Scope-on-a-Rope Loan Program

Qualifications for use of the Scope-on-a-Rope:

Any South Carolina teacher involved with science curriculum in a public, private, or parochial K-12 school within the upstate region of South Carolina is eligible to request use of the instrument.

Other individuals or groups who are eligible to check out the instrument include individuals involved in science camps, museums and others involved with teaching science to K-12 students and their community.

We have established several different ways to make the Scope-on-a-Rope available to South Carolina teachers and other science educators.

1. An individual teacher (or qualified other) may request use of the scope. That person would meet with a Furman staff member to receive instruction on care and use of the scope. The individual teacher is responsible for the instrument while it is in his/her possession. He/She may take the scope into a colleague's classroom, but not lend it to another teacher. The teacher is also responsible for returning the scope at the prearranged time.

2. A group of teachers within a school may request a more formal workshop (our preferred approach), during which the scope is demonstrated and samples lesson plans are discussed. The scope could then be loaned to this group of teachers for a sufficient length of time to allow all involved to use the instrument in their classrooms for a time. Only teachers who have participated in the workshop may use the scope. Return dates will be prearranged.

3. We are willing to discuss other loan options on an individual basis.

In return for use of the Scope-on-a-Rope, we do require completion of a short questionnaire: student demographics, links to state standards, general questions (likert scale) about overall experience using the scope. We also appreciate receiving input from individual (or groups of) teachers on lesson plans that incorporate the use of the scopes.

For more information on the loan program, to schedule a workshop, or for technical or application questions contact John Kaup; Furman’s Scope-on-a-Rope Coordinator.

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Or for additional details about the types of scopes/lesson plans etc., link to our office website and click on Scope-on-a-Rope.

Website: www2.furman.edu/academics/integrativeresearch/scienceeducation