LearniLens™ — Getting Started

See every learner. Know what comes next. Everything stays on your own Mac.

Before you start

- You need a Mac with an **Apple chip** (M1 or later). To check: Apple menu → **About This Mac** — it should say *Chip: Apple M…*. Older Intel Macs can't run this version.
- You'll need your Mac's password once, the first time you open the app.

1. Install

1. Double-click **LearniLens-5.0.1-arm64.dmg**.
2. In the window that opens, drag the **LearniLens** icon onto the **Applications** folder.
3. Close that window, then eject the installer (the drive icon on your desktop or in Finder's sidebar).

2. Open it the first time

The app hasn't been through Apple's paid registration, so macOS asks you to confirm you trust it — once only.

1. Open your **Applications** folder and double-click **LearniLens**.
2. macOS says it *could not verify "LearniLens" is free of malware*. Click **Done** — **not** "Move to Bin".
3. Open **System Settings** → **Privacy & Security**. Scroll down to **Security**, where it says *"LearniLens" was blocked*, and click **Open Anyway**.
4. Click **Open Anyway** again and enter your Mac password (or use Touch ID).
5. If asked whether LearniLens may access your **Documents** folder, click **Allow** — that's where it keeps your gradebook.

> After this, it opens like any other app. On an older macOS (14 or earlier) there's a shortcut instead of steps 2–4: Control-click the app, choose **Open**, then **Open** again.

3. Set up your first class

The app opens on the **Gradebook**. The menu at the top has just five pages: **Students**, **Gradebook**, **Reports**, **Classes** and **Settings**.

1. **Create a class** — click **+ Create your first class** and give it a name, e.g. *10E Economics*.
2. **Add your students** — go to **Students** → **+ Add**, and choose your class for each one. To add a whole class at once, use **Import CSV** (see the next page).
3. **Add an assessment** — back in the Gradebook, click **+ Add Assignment**, then type scores and comments into the grid.

Importing a class list (CSV)

Save a spreadsheet as **CSV** with a header row. Column names can be in any order; only a name column is required.

Column	What goes in it
`family_name`	Surname
`given_name`	First name
`preferred_name`	Name the student goes by (optional)
`class`	Exactly the class name you created, e.g. *10E Economics*
`email`, `parent_name`, `parent_email`, `parent_phone`, `notes`	Optional

The four student groupings

Once there are results, a small label appears under each student's name in the Gradebook: **Coaching**, **Sliders**, **Cuspers** or **Stars**.

- A **dashed** label is the app's suggestion. Click it to confirm it, change it, or set *Not grouped* — a **solid** label means you've decided.
- **Sliders** are students whose target grade is above their current results, so they only appear once you've set targets. Click the label (or **+ group**) under a name and choose a **Target grade**.
- The groupings are prompts for your judgement, not verdicts — label a student only where it leads to something you'll do.

Reports

Pick a class and click **Load class** to see each student's number of results, average and trend. It starts on **All gradebook data** — everything the class has, including earlier years; **This term** and **Whole year** narrow it. With an AI key (below), each student card also offers draft strengths and targets written in school house style for you to pick from.

Good to know

- **Your data stays on your Mac.** Everything is saved in `Documents/TeachingPlatform`. Nothing is uploaded, except what an AI button sends to the AI service you chose.
- **Back it up** now and then by copying that `TeachingPlatform` folder somewhere safe. Please don't put it in a cloud-sync folder — student data should stay on school devices.
- **Paper weightings** (Paper 1, Paper 2, IA…) and grade boundaries are set per class: in the Gradebook, pick a class, then **Categories & Boundaries**. Save them as a preset, or copy them from another class.
- **AI (optional):** **Settings** → **AI** → paste a key from an AI service, then **Test**. Choose a **China-hosted** one (Moonshot, DeepSeek, SiliconFlow); overseas ones send student data out of China. You pay the service directly. Without a key, only the AI buttons are off.
- **Updates:** when there's a new version, install it the same way. Your gradebook is kept, because it lives in your Documents folder, not in the app.

Questions or something not working? Email hello@learnilens.com.

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