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Message

I hope you have all had a great week! Just a couple of quick things to share with you:

The Maine DOE is looking for educators to join Maine Learning Results Writing Teams. World Languages educators, please consider applying!

Now that the 2020 WIDA English Language Development Standards have been released, we are excited to support districts in implementing them. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey on regarding implementation of the standards. Thank you!

If your school is interested in participating in the Visiting Teachers from Spain Program, check out this article for details.

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Professional Learning

- 3/29/21 at 1:00pm: US DOE Webinar—Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 through Summer Learning and Enrichment
- 3/31/21 at 7pm: Maine Holocaust and Human Rights Center—Racism Is A Virus Too: Panel Discussion On The Asian American Youth Experience In Maine
- Available for Free Streaming Starting 4/1/21: Film Screening “Reflecting On Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years”
- 4/22/21-5/1/21: Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference (Now virtual only!)
- Duke/UNC/University of Michigan Webinar Series “How to teach about the Middle East—and get it right!” (4/22 and 5/20)
- 4/27/21: National Association of English Learner Program Administrators Virtual Conference
- Save the Date! 5/7/21 (Time TBD): Maine ESOL Meeting (Virtual)
- 6/9/21 and 6/16/21 from 9:30-11am: WIDA eWorkshop on Planning with the WIDA ELD Standards Framework (Registration not yet open.)
- 6/23/21 (Time TBD) French Cultural Services—National Seminar on French Dual Language Immersion and Education
- 7/25/21-7/31/21: Deutsche Woche in Bar Harbor
The ACCESS assessments window runs from January 11th – April 16th 2021
Update: Return of Testing Materials – Thank you!

WIDA would like to thank those SEAs who have been testing for the past few months for your successful efforts to return completed Grades 1-3 Writing Test Materials. We have received the needed quantity of Writing Test Booklets from all grade levels and tiers that are required for our annual operational verification study. Being able to complete this critical step in the scoring process allows us to meet your scoring and reporting dates.

Important Upcoming Dates
4/16/21 – ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs window closes.
6/18/21 – ACCESS reports available online via WIDA AMS.
7/12/21 – Districts receive printed ACCESS reports.

Assessment 2021 Resources
The Maine DOE Assessment Team continues to work with districts to provide support for the administration of 2021 assessments when safely feasible to do so. Please visit the MECAS homepage for more information about:
✓ Frequently asked questions from the field
✓ Weekly office hours with the Assessment Team
✓ Comprehensive guidance document for 2021 assessments
✓ Assessment-specific trainings and resources

Post-Assessment Resources
Many districts have communicated with DOE that despite the challenges of assessment this year, it was important to have district, school and student level data with which to target needed supports and resources for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, the WIDA Secure Portal includes a wealth of resources related to the different types of ACCESS reports and how this data can be leveraged to best serve English learners.

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Articles of Interest
Maine DOE Newsroom: MEDIA RELEASE: World Language & ESOL Teachers of the Year Announced by FLAME

National Association of EL Program Administrators: Support ELs with ESSER - COVID-19 Education Relief Funds

Telling Room: A New Land Poetry Book and Toolkit for Educators!

Amjambo Africa!: Language and culture don’t stand in the way at Iftin Driving School

Language Magazine: Setting a New Federal Agenda on English Learner Education

eSchoolNews: 6 steps to a culturally responsive classroom

Columbia Spectator: A Teachers College reading curriculum is among the nation’s most popular. Does it serve English language learners?

School News Network: Students celebrate the beauty of multiple languages

Maine DOE Newsroom: Registration Open for Black Student Caucus Hosted by MYAN
Job Opportunities

Winthrop MS/HS French Teacher (1 year)

MSAD 51 Spanish Teacher

Biddeford Summer Elementary School ELL Teacher

Wells-Ogunquit CSD High School French Teacher

Cape Elizabeth High School Spanish Teacher

Lewiston Middle School Language Facilitator

Union 69 Part-Time Foreign Language Teacher

RSU 38 High School Spanish Teacher

The New School (Kennebunk) American Sign Language Teacher

Cheewonki Spanish Teacher (Residential)

Cheverus High School Spanish Teacher

RSU 20 World Languages Teacher

Announcements and Reminders

In addition to the resources added to the website last week, you will now find ESOL Service Provision Guidelines for Dual Language Learners in Pre-K. Note that unlike the general K-12 service provision guidelines, the pre-K guidelines suggest several key practices rather than specific service types/frequency/amounts.

ESOL Program Tool Kit

Maine DOE Lau Plan Template and Guidance
Sample Lau Plan
Individual Language Acquisition Plan Template
Maine DOE Sample Student ILAP
Sample English Learner Eligibility Parent Notification Form
Sample Parent/Guardian Form to Decline ESOL Services
Guidance on Sample Student Schedules
Level 1.0-2.9 Sample Student Schedule
Level 3.0-3.9 Sample Student Schedule
Level 4.0-4.5 Sample Student Schedule
Translator and Interpreter Resources
Newcomer Student Communication Cards

• Applications for partnerships with schools in France are due by 3/31/21.

• The Maine ESOL Meeting (virtual) is on 5/7/21. Submit presentation proposals here.

Virtual Office Hours

ESOL

Our next virtual office hour is on 3/31/21 at 3:00pm.

Join Zoom here.
Meeting ID: 839 6220 3107
Passcode: ?2j!TtAe

Recordings will be available on the Maine DOE YouTube channel after each session.
3/17/21 Recording

World Languages

Our next office hour is on 3/30/21 at 3:00pm.

Join Zoom here.
Meeting ID: 832 2217 2285
Passcode: Vxc6WFa#

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