Message

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Maine ESOL Meeting! Special thanks to our wonderful speakers and presenters. If you weren’t able to join us today, you can view the session recordings on the Maine DOE YouTube channel next week.

Thanks also to the many teachers who have been supporting students in submitting their Seal of Biliteracy applications! There have been so many lately, I can barely keep up, which is a wonderful problem to have! Just a reminder that the submission deadline is 5/15. Let me know if you need any assistance.

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Professional Learning

✦ 5/11/21 at 2pm: Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium—Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month: A Conversation with Author Hena Khan

✦ 5/11/21 at 7pm: How I stole my French back: My journey from 3rd generation "frog" to Madam Murphy

✦ 5/13/21 4:30-6pm: ExCEl Leadership Academy—Facilitative Discourse Moves for English Learners: Design Studio

✦ 5/17, 5/24, and 6/7/21: Maine DOE—Interactive Workshop by Wabanaki REACH — Moving Forward: Opening a Path to Truth, Healing and Change

✦ Duke/UNC/University of Michigan Webinar Series “How to teach about the Middle East—and get it right!” (Final session 5/20)

✦ 5/26/21 at 3pm: IALLT—Doing Extracurricular Language Activities Online: A Roundtable

✦ 5/26/21 4-5pm: MCELA—Black Languages Matter: Code Meshing and Multilingual Poetry as Anti-racist Practices

✦ 5/26/21 at 7pm: English Learner Portal—Supporting Unaccompanied Immigrant Students

✦ 6/2/21 3-4pm: Writing to Process the COVID Experience: Release, Renew, and Refocus, facilitated by Maine educator/writer Ian Ramsey

✦ 6/9/21 and 6/16/21 from 9:30-11am: WIDA eWorkshop on Planning with the WIDA ELD Standards Framework (40 participants maximum)

✦ 6/21/21-7/30/21: Iowa State University—Teaching Mathematics to ELLs (free course)

✦ 6/23/21 (Time TBD) French Cultural Services—National Seminar on French Dual Language Immersion and Education

✦ 7/16/21-7/21/21: World Language Summer Seminar (Virtual)

✦ 7/25/21-7/31/21: Deutsche Woche in Bar Harbor
Assessment Corner

Maine Science Assessment

All phases of training for the Maine Science have now been completed and are available as recordings via the Maine Science Zen Desk.

Learn more about Maine science assessments here.

Public Comment Still Available as Maine DOE Seeks Waiver from Accountability for 2021

The complete waiver can be accessed on the Maine DOE ESSA Webpage.

Information was released via the Maine DOE Newsroom 4/27/21.

Any questions? Reach out to the assessment coordinators!

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Virtual Conversation Clubs

Maine DOE Newsroom: Seeking School Employees and Educators to Host WAVES Virtual Communities for Maine Teens

WAVES would LOVE to host Virtual Communities called “Conversation Clubs.” These clubs would connect students in conversations other than English. First language speakers, students interested in learning the language, and students just interested in an immersive experience in the language would all be welcomed and encouraged to join. Hosts of WAVES Virtual Communities must be currently working in schools, but are welcome to partner with a “guest expert.” Whether you are interested in hosting a Conversation Club in a language in which you are fluent, or would be willing to partner with a “guest expert” who could facilitate the conversation with your support, please consider applying to host a WAVES Virtual Community or reach out to Project Director Sarah Woog at sarah.woog@maine.gov with any questions or feedback. Thank you for all you do. Looking forward to connecting soon!

Sarah Woog

Articles and Resources

Buzzfeed: 10 Outstanding Teachers Who Have Made Lemonade Out Of Lemons This Past Year. Congratulations to Stephanie Carbonneau and Michelle Fournier for this recognition!

White House: Memorandum for the Secretary of State on the Emergency Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions for Fiscal Year 2021

WMTW 8: Maine’s refugee community prepares for resettlements after Biden announcement

Guardian: French dictionary adds record number of new words as Covid shapes language

BBC Science Focus: What is the easiest language to learn? A complete beginner’s guide to linguistics

US Department of Justice: Justice Department Reaches Settlement with Arizona School District to Protect English Learner Students

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

Colorin Colorado: Teaching Tips: Summer School for English Language Learners

Ellevation: School’s Out For Summer: Extended Learning Tips For ELs and Educators [Free Activity Download]
Job Opportunities

St. Thomas Consolidated School
Spanish Teacher

MSAD 1 French Teacher

RSU 15 High School Spanish Teacher

Westbrook - Congin Elementary School ELL Teacher

Westbrook - Canal Elementary School ELL Teacher

Westbrook - Saccarappa Elementary School ELL Teacher
(1 year only)

Westbrook High School ELL Ed Tech 3

Portland Multiple Summer Positions

RSU 9 K-12 ELL Teacher

RSU 04 High School French Teacher

Freeport Part-Time Middle School Spanish Teacher

Cherryfield Part-Time ESOL Teacher

Kittery Part-Time ESOL Teacher

Baxter Academies High School French Teacher

Baxter Academies High School Spanish Teacher

MSAD 61 Spanish Teacher

Isleboro Central School Anticipated World Language Teacher K-12

Gorham High School Spanish Teacher

RSU 21 Anticipated Elementary Spanish Teacher

Washington Academy Spanish Residential Faculty

Poland Regional High School is hiring a French (preferably French/Spanish teacher) pending budget approval. Please email scrosby@rsu16.org if interested.

Virtual Office Hours

All language educators are invited to stop by the virtual office hour. It is an informal opportunity to connect with the Department, ask any questions, and get to know your colleagues across the state. Our next virtual office hour is on 5/12/21 at 3:00pm.

Join Zoom [here](https://joinzoom.com).

Meeting ID: 839 6220 3107 Passcode: ?2jTiAe

Recordings will be available on the [Maine DOE YouTube channel](https://youtube.com) after each session.

There is no recording for the 5/5 office hour due to low attendance.