

English Learner Professional Learning Offerings 2024-2025

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Single Session Professional Learning

Date/Time	Topic	Description	Registration Link	Location	Maximum Number of Participants
Asynchronous - On Demand from 9/1/24 to 8/30/25	WIDA Self-Paced eWorkshop Package	<p>Self-Paced eWorkshop Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics ● Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena ● Exploring the WIDA PreK-3 Essential Actions ● Let's Play! Multilingual Children's Joyful Learning in PreK-3 (NEW!) ● Making Language Visible in the Classroom ● Newcomers: Promoting Success through Strengthening Practice ● Reading Comprehension Across Content Areas with Multilingual Learners (NEW!) ● Reframing Education for Long-term English Learners ● Teaching Multilingual Learners Social Studies through Multiple Perspectives (Updated) ● The WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach ● WIDA Español: Desarrollando el español: Las expectativas del lenguaje (NEW!) ● WIDA Español: Evaluaciones del desarrollo del lenguaje a nivel de salón - Classroom assessment for language development (NEW!) ● Working toward Meaningful Sensemaking in Science with Multilingual Learners 	WIDA Secure Portal Request SCECHs	Online	Anyone with access to the WIDA Secure Portal

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<p>August 21, 2024 10:00 -11:00</p>	<p>Assessment: WIDA Screener Overview Webinar</p>	<p>WIDA Screener Online (Grades K-12)</p> <p>Audience: This webinar is intended for brand-new English Learner Assessment Coordinators and other educators who need a basic understanding of the WIDA Screener (Grades K-12) and its requirements.</p> <p>Description: This webinar will provide a basic overview of the WIDA Screener (Grades K-12) for educators preparing to administer and score the assessment. Time is built into the webinar for participants to ask questions. This is not a replacement for the online training course. Educators are strongly encouraged to read the Michigan Guide to the WIDA Screener in advance of this webinar at Michigan Guide to the WIDA Screener.</p> <p>Format: Live webinar not to exceed 90 minutes. The webinar will be recorded.</p>	<p>Event Completed</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>100</p>

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September 25, 2024	EL Statewide Update Webinar	<p>Audience: Content is targeted to EL program leads, but all staff related to English Learners are welcome</p> <p>Description: Join us for updates and timely information regarding all things EL in Michigan.</p> <p>Facilitators - Kelly Alvarez and Jen Paul</p>	Statewide Webinar Registration Link	Online	300

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<p>October 21, 28, November 4, 2024 12:00 - 1:30</p>	<p>WIDA Scaffolding Learning through Language (virtual)</p>	<p>Audience: This workshop is designed for all educators of multilingual learners. It provides a great opportunity for teams who work with the same language learners to collaborate.</p> <p>Description: This two-day workshop provides educators with a fresh look at how to engage multilingual learners in rigorous content area learning with a balance of challenge and support. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage educators to consider a dynamic set of classroom practices that support multilingual students as they move toward increasing independence and expertise in grade-level content. Participants will explore how a rigorous, well-sequenced curriculum within the content of meaningful experiences contributes to rich classroom interactions that mediate learning. Topics that educators will explore are a) valuing students' resources for learning, b) developing a strong community of learners, and c) engaging students in a rigorous curriculum.</p>	<p>WIDA Scaffolding Link</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>35</p>

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November 7 and November 12, 2024 10:00 - 11:15	Mathematical Meaning-Making: Collaborating for Equity	<p>Audience: This virtual workshop is designed to support mathematics educators and language specialists who share their learning with colleagues through collaboration or coaching.</p> <p>Description: This workshop explores the importance of equitable engagement in math conversations for multilingual learners in a two-part webinar series.</p> <p>By engaging in this workshop, participants will build their skills in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognizing characteristics of equitable classroom spaces where multilingual learners engage in deep mathematical discourse ● Structuring supports and scaffolding that build students' repertoires for communicating their math questions and ideas ● Deciding when to guide students toward more precise mathematical language <p>Participants will be prompted to prepare for the first webinar and to complete post-webinar tasks. Elementary and secondary classroom videos provide content and support for post-webinar tasks that encourage participants to collaborate with a colleague. Discussion boards provide additional collaboration opportunities over the course of the workshop.</p> <p>Format: One self-paced module, two webinars, discussion boards, and collaborative tasks. Two live webinars not to exceed 75 minutes each, scheduled one week apart. Alternate tasks are available for participants who are not able to attend the webinars.</p> <p>Facilitator: Melissa Patton</p>	WIDA Mathematical Meaning Link	Online	40

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November 19, 2024 9:30 - 11:00	WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Online for Test Administrators	<p>Online WIDA ACCESS for ELLs (1-12)</p> <p>Audience: This webinar is designed for educators who are test administrators of the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessment, an assessment designed for English learners.</p> <p>Description: During this webinar, test administrators will learn about the basics of administering this assessment to students in grades 1-12. This webinar is not a substitute for required course completion in the WIDA Secure Portal.</p> <p>WIDA Facilitator: Andrew Mercado</p>	WIDA Access for ELLs Link	Online	100
November 21, 2024 9:30 - 11:00	WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs for Test Administrators	<p>WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (K-12)</p> <p>Audience: This webinar is designed for educators who are test administrators of the WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment, an assessment designed for English learners who are also students with significant cognitive disabilities.</p> <p>Description: During this webinar, test administrators will learn about the basics of administering this assessment to students in grades K-12. This webinar is not a substitute for required course completion in the WIDA Secure Portal.</p> <p>WIDA Facilitator: Emily Kurth</p>	WIDA Alternate Access for ELLs Link	Online	100
December 4, 2024 3:00 - 4:30	Seal of Biliteracy Webinar	<p>This three-part webinar is designed to support schools and districts that are interested in learning more about the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy. Updates, new resources, and question-and-answer sessions will be available.</p> <p>Facilitator: Kelly Alvarez, Jennifer Howe, Irma Torres, and Emily Spinelli, as well as invited district guests</p>	Seal of Biliteracy Webinar Link	Online	300

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January 22, 2025 9:30 - 11:00	EL Statewide Update Webinar	<p>Audience: Content is targeted to EL program leads, but all staff related to English Learners are welcome</p> <p>Description: Join us for updates and timely information regarding all things EL in Michigan.</p> <p>Facilitators - Kelly Alvarez and Jen Paul</p>	EL Statewide Webinar 2025 Link	Online	300
February 5, 2025 3:00 - 4:30	Seal of Biliteracy Webinar	<p>This three-part webinar is designed to support schools and districts that are interested in learning more about the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy. Updates, new resources, and question-and-answer sessions will be available.</p> <p>Facilitator: Kelly Alvarez, Irma Torres, and Emily Spinelli, as well as invited district guests</p>	Seal of Biliteracy February 2025 Webinar Link	Online	300
April 2, 2025 3:00 - 4:30	Seal of Biliteracy Webinar	<p>This three-part webinar is designed to support schools and districts that are interested in learning more about the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy. Updates, new resources, and question-and-answer sessions will be available.</p> <p>Facilitator: Kelly Alvarez, Irma Torres, and Emily Spinelli, as well as invited district guests</p>	Seal of Biliteracy April 2025 Webinar Link	Online	300

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April 16, 2025 9:30 - 11:00	EL Statewide Update Webinar	<p>Audience: Content is targeted to EL program leads, but all staff related to English Learners are welcome</p> <p>Description: Join us for updates and timely information regarding all things EL in Michigan.</p> <p>Facilitators - Kelly Alvarez and Jen Paul</p>	EL Statewide Webinar April 2025 Link	Online	300
May 13, 2025 9:30 - 11:00	WIDA Alternate ACCESS Score Reports	<p>Audience: This webinar is for test coordinators, educators, and administrative leaders.</p> <p>Description: This webinar is for educators who want to learn more about the Alternate ACCESS score reports and how to use them.</p> <p>Facilitator: Andrea Mercado</p>	WIDA Alternate Access Score Reports Link	Online	100
May 14, 2025 9:30 - 11:00	WIDA ACCESS Score Reports for Instruction	<p>Audience: This webinar is for test coordinators, educators, and administrative leaders.</p> <p>Description: This webinar is for educators who want to learn more about the ACCESS for ELLs score reports and how to use them.</p> <p>Facilitator: Andrea Mercado</p>	WIDA Alternate Access Score Reports Instruction Link	Online	100

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Recurring Collaborative Groups - [Network Flyer](#)

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Monthly (Typically the Second Friday) 9:30 - 11:00	New EL Coordinators Collaborative 1.0	This is a monthly session offered for EL Coordinators in their first or second year in the position. Participants meet other EL Coordinators from around the state and learn the ropes one month at a time. Facilitators: Michelle Headley and Kelly Alvarez	EL Coordinator 1.0 Link	Zoom	Max 70
5-Two Hour Sessions per year October 8, November 14, December 8, January 14, March 11	New EL Coordinators Collaborative 2.0	Designed to go deeper into EL Coordinator’s jobs, the 2.0 offering deepens the understanding of the required activities for English Learners and provides many collaborative opportunities for EL Coordinators to connect across the state. Note: Please only sign up for one of these (1.0 or 2.0) per year. If you completed 1.0 last year, please sign up for 2.0.	EL Coordinator 2.0 Link	Zoom	Max 50
5-One Hour Sessions per year October 22, December 17, February 18, April 22, June 10	EL Coordinators Collaborative 3.0	Sessions are offered every other month. There will not be any content planned, but casual updates and questions/answers will be available. Drop in and ask questions. We will be there for the entire hour!	EL Coordinator 3.0 Link	Zoom	300
Oct. 1, 2024 Dec. 9, 2024 Jan. 21, 2025 Mar. 4, 2025 June 3, 2025 2:45-3:45 pm	Sheltered Content Statewide PLC	Virtual Professional Learning Community for Teachers of Sheltered Instruction grades 6-12 and teachers of MLs in content area classrooms. Come for a quick teaching strategy and stay for time to collaborate with other secondary content teachers who are working with MLs. SCECHs available. Facilitators: Kelsey Witt, Dr. Tina Kozlowski, and others.	Sheltered Content PLC Flyer Sheltered Content Statewide PLC Registration	Zoom	100

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August 15 September 26 October 24 December 5 January 23 March 6 April 24 May 29 4:00 - 5:00	ELD Teachers Collaborative	Facilitated by two dynamic ELD teachers, this is a monthly offering for all ELD teachers to learn together and connect around self-designated topics. Each session starts with a quick highlight of a Michigan ELD teacher sharing a best practice and then moves into an “unconference” format where the members dictate the topics of the session and share resources with each other. Facilitators: Amie VanHorn and Raya Womack	ELD Teacher Collaborative Flyer	Zoom	No limit
5 sessions with varied dates and times	WIDA Standards for Professors	This is a specific set of offerings for those supporting teacher preparation in Michigan’s colleges and universities.	WIDA Standards Flyer WIDA Standards Registration	Zoom	Limited to professors only
10/8/24 9:00am-10:00am 12/10/24 3:30pm-4:30pm 1/21/25 9:00am-10:00am 4/17/25 3:30pm-4:30pm	EL Coach’s Network	This group is designed for instructional coaches and English learner specialists, coaches, teachers, or coordinators interested in providing coaching to teachers around best practices for English learners. It will focus on understanding the coaching cycle and its components, gathering and using data in coaching cycles, strategies for building relationships with teachers in order to begin coaching cycles, reflective/ cognitive coaching strategies, ideas for starting EL coaching in schools/ districts, and sharing resources used in EL coaching. The meetings will consist of collaborative discussions, book studies, guest speakers, and presentations. Anyone engaged in teacher coaching or interested in teacher coaching is encouraged to attend.	EL Coach's Network Sign-Up Link	Virtual	Open to anyone who provides instructional shelter coaching to teachers around Multilingual Learners.

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<p>8 Sessions: 10/8/2024, 11/12/2024, 12/10/2024, 1/14/2025, 2/11/2025, 3/11/2025, 4/15/2025, 5/13/2025 4:00 - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Newcomer Educator Network</p>	<p>A space for all educators working directly with newcomers to learn, collaborate, and share ideas and strategies to best serve their newcomers.</p> <p>Objectives: -Build a collaborative community of educators to better serve newcomers and their families -Provide a space for collaboration and new learning opportunities for educators of newcomers -Equip educators with strategies to promote English language development (ELD) and meaningful access to the curriculum for newcomers</p> <p>Facilitators: Zeinab Haidous, Kalyn Wulatin, Khalil El-Saghir & Puja Mullins</p>	<p>Newcomer Flyer Educator Network Registration</p>	<p>Zoom</p>	<p>125</p>