

OFFICE OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EDUCATION

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The Office of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education provides support to Colorado school districts, schools, and educational leaders in the academic, linguistic, and social-emotional challenges and opportunities of culturally and linguistically diverse students to ensure equitable access to grade level standards and ensure a well-rounded education.

The Office of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) offers a series of professional learning opportunities, including regional professional learning, webinars, regional director networking meetings, and targeted support. The CLDE team collaborates with other Colorado Department of Education offices to deliver these supports in a unified manner to better align with districts' local implementation of programs that support the academic, linguistic, and social-emotional needs of culturally and linguistically diverse students.



Professional Learning Opportunities
(<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/clde/cldestatewidesupport/professionaldevelopment>)

Statewide Support
(<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/clde/cldestatewidesupport/professionaldevelopment>)



Important Announcements and Information

- **Prevention of Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination - Federal Resources**
(https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18k1G_jpMu8spVpibYx30SW9ydyL_Z2za?usp=sharing)
- **Multilingual Learner (ML) Dear Colleague (/fs/resource-manager/view/a9cb0e04-6f65-4e89-930b-11b0d4c4513b)e Letter**
(https://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/mldearcolleagueaugust2022)
- **English Learner Redesignation Procedures**
(<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/clde/eldrequirements/redesignation>)
- **Multilingual Learner Identification**
(<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/clde/eldrequirements/identification-placement>)
- **ELPA Allocations** (<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/cdefisgrant/allocations>)
- **Student Personally Identifiable Information (/fs/pages/1534)**
- **Partnering with Interpreters Checklist (/fs/pages/1173)**
- **Multilingual Learners Identified with or Suspected of Having Educational Disabilities (/fs/pages/1026)**
- **WIDA Self-Paced eWorkshops** (<https://wida.wisc.edu/grow/self-paced>)
- **CLDE Webinars** (<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/clde/cldestatewidesupport/webinars>)
- **Distance Learning Guidance**
(<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/coreadingwriting/aligning-desired-states-with-instructional-resources-and-professional-development>)
- **Resources for Multilingual Learners**
(<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/coreadingwriting/aligning-desired-states-with-instructional-resources-and-professional-development>)
- **EL Professional Development Quality Standards & List of CDE-approved programs (/fs/pages/931)**
- **Annual English Language Proficiency Assessment**
(<https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fed.cde.state.co.us%2Fassessment%2Fela&data=05%7C02%7CTI>)



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Access to High-Quality Education

On January 7, 2015, the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights and the Department of Justice released a **Joint guidance letter**

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to spell out the legal obligations of state and local education agencies to English learners. At the same time, Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) released the first chapter of an **English Learner Tool Kit**

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(on identifying all English learners), offering checklists, tools, and resources to help SEAs and LEAs in fulfilling their obligations.

Part-Time Homeschool Multilingual Learner Students Guidance

The Office of CLDE, in collaboration with the Federal Programs and Supports Unit, Department of Schools of Choice, and Assessment Unit have developed guidance regarding Part-Time Homeschool Multilingual Learner Students. This guidance was developed in response to questions from districts to ensure the needs of all multilingual learners are met. **Part-Time Homeschool ML Students Guidance** (</fs/resource-manager/view/6e33bc0a-9efe-42cf-ba34-72db79d4b924>)



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Designing, Delivering, and Evaluating Instruction and Services for Multilingual Learners Guidebook

The Guidebook provides assistance to Colorado educators, administrators and school board members in their continuing efforts to address the linguistic and educational needs of multilingual learners by sharing information on legislated and judicially mandated policies as well as best practices and program procedures. The **Guidebook** (<https://ed.cde.state.co.us/clde/eldrequirements/eldguidebook>) can be viewed and/or downloaded at your convenience by opening links to each chapter.

Recently Arrived English Learners Toolkit

The White House announced, “Bright Spots” for welcoming and expanding opportunities for linguistic integration and education at end of June. The announcement identified a list of resources including the introduction of the **U.S. Department of Education’s Newcomer Toolkit** (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/newcomers-toolkit/index.html>) (updated 2023) designed to help schools support immigrants, refugees, and their families with a successful integration process. This toolkit provides information, resources and examples of effective practices that educators can use to support newcomers in our schools and communities. We are pleased to share this tool with you.

Additional Resources

- **2019 Non-Regulatory Guidance**
(<https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ed.gov%2Fsites%2Fed%2Ffiles%2Fpolicy%2Felsec%2Fleg>)
- **English Learner Factsheet for Parents**
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- **Rights of All Children to Enroll in U.S.**
(<https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ed.gov%2Fmedia%2Fdocument%2Fdcl-factsheet->)



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