



# English Learners Newsletter

## August 2021



What can I do to support my EL students and the staff who teach them?

### 1. Promote an ASSET-BASED Mindset.

Bilingual brains demonstrate increased executive functioning, stronger problem-solving abilities, and aptitude in task-switching.

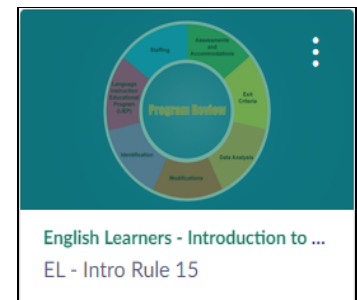
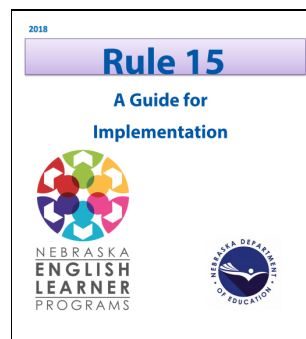
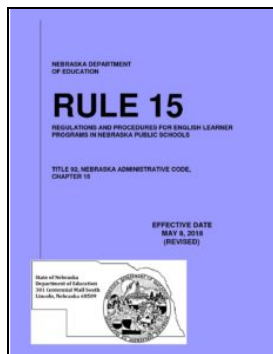
### 2. Know and Understand the Law.

[Nebraska Rule 15](#)

[Nebraska Rule 15 Implementation Guide](#)

Rule 15 Canvas Course

(updated and coming soon)



### 3. Know and Understand the [ELPA21](#) Screener and Summative Assessments and Resources.

- [ELPA21 Nebraska Portal](#)
- ELPA21 Screener Training Modules and Summative Training Modules (*coming in October*)
  - ELPA21 Screener- Immediate results available for students who only complete steps 1 & 2
- [ELPA21 ALDs](#)
- [ELPA21 Constructed Response Rubrics](#)
- [ELPA21 Enrichment Resources](#)
- [ELPA21 Workshop Opportunities](#) - NE has 15 seats available per workshop. More info coming soon!



### 4. Participate in State, ESU, and District Sponsored Professional Learning Opportunities.

\*Contact us to receive our monthly EL Newsletter\*



**NEW THIS YEAR:** TransACT ParentNotices SIS Integration: [Read more](#) about this added feature and sign up to start using it!

**EL Collaborative Groups** - we meet with a variety of groups throughout the year. You can learn more about each group's purpose and meeting schedule by clicking on the group below. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact us.

- [ESU Consortia Title III Directors](#)
- [EL Coalition](#)
- [EL Teachers](#)
- [CAAELP CoP](#)
- [Higher Education Group](#)

## Resources for Staff Discussion and Reflection

[The Gift of Language](#)

[The Benefits of Being Bilingual](#)

Possible Discussion Questions:

- Why is it important for students to maintain their home language?
- What can we do as educators to promote and ensure the continued use of a student's home language?

## Additional Resources

[NDE EL Website](#)

[ICMEE Professional Learning Opportunities and eWorkshops](#)

[ELPA21 Resource Center](#)

[The Visual Non-Glossary](#)

**Questions:** Please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your EL students.



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