



Multilingual Learners Newsletter

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Working with Older English Learners

Many districts have reached out with questions regarding older ML/EL students. Some of these students come with transcripts and have had no interruption in their education, while others may not have any transcripts and have had interruptions in their education. Students with limited or interrupted formal education are often referred to as SLIFE students. Specific graduation requirements may differ between districts but all districts have the requirements as set by the [State of Nebraska Legislature](#). One resource that offers support in analyzing transcripts is [ValidateMe!](#) There is a fee for this service and it is an allowable use under Title III.



Offering students and their families a graduation pathway or plan has been a positive addition for many school districts. Some examples of these plans can be found on the [ESU 4 Title III Resources Website](#). Other examples of graduation plans and helpful considerations for working with English learners can be found [here](#).

There are times when students and families realize there may not be time to get everything needed to graduate from a Nebraska high school. They may want to attend the public school to gain English skills and become acclimated to the community, but they may also want to learn about additional opportunities outside public education. NDE has a [GED/Adult Education](#) office that supports efforts across the state.

Many local community colleges offer English Education courses to support literacy and learning. Some of these include [Southeast Community College](#), [Central Community College](#), [Metro Community College](#), and [Northeast Community College](#). These are great resources for older students to access strong English Learner Programs.



Various Communities also offer literacy programs so be sure to check with your local city commerce. For example, [Lincoln Literacy](#) has a wonderful English learning community. And there are probably lots of other programs offered across our state!





Spotlight: Nebraska Adult Education and GED

Tate Lauer is the Nebraska Adult Education and GED® Administrator for the state of Nebraska. His role is to focus on high quality education and workforce preparation activities for older students and adults. The mission statement for Nebraska Adult Education is “To provide direct and welcoming access to Adult Education programs that are focused on quality English language acquisition, adult basic skills improvement and high school equivalency credentialing that promote opportunities to transition to postsecondary education, job training opportunities and life-long careers.” To learn more about this program visit the [website](#), or contact Tate, 402/471-4807 or tate.lauer@nebraska.gov.



Guidance: Sec. 300.101 Free appropriate public education (FAPE) addresses the issue of public education access. A free appropriate public education must be available to all children residing in the state between the ages of 3 and 21. To learn more about this guidance, please visit the [IDEA website](#). In addition, use this padlet to learn about [Understanding Policies and Regulations to Ensure the Civil Rights of English Language Learners](#).

Project ASSETS: Cohort 3 Registration is now open! <http://tinyurl.com/Cohort3Application>
Listen to the ASSETS Podcast: <https://shop.nabe.org/pages/cop>

MIDTESOL: Mark your calendars for September 27-28, 2024 at the MidAmerica Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Join [MIDTESOL](#) and get involved!

Canvas Training Opportunities: [For Administrators](#), [For Teachers K-12](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Cambio de Colores Conference](#) in Kansas City, June 5-7, 2024
- Check out the new [Academic Language Webinar Series](#)
- Read about Building Transformational Impact for Nebraska Families ([English](#), [Spanish](#))
- Remember the [Canvas Courses](#) for English Learners - Rule 15, ELP Standards, ELP Standards and PLDs, Content and Language Objectives, and Formative Assessments for English Learners
- Check out the [Early Childhood Canvas Courses](#) (also available in Spanish!)
- Explore the [Diesol Podcast](#): Developing Innovation In English as a Second or Other Language
- [Future Ready Conference](#) at NDE June 10-11, 2024 (Over 70 breakout sessions)
- Please remember to use the resources in TransACT ParentNotices! There are documents to support all areas of education. NDE provides the subscription and anyone can [self-onboard](#).

Questions: Please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your ML students or program.

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