English Learner

Professional Development

The Education reEnvisioned BOCES (BOCES) has a state-approved ELPD program to support teachers in meeting the English Learner PD requirement set forth by the state of Colorado. Teachers must demonstrate completion of training or professional development activities equivalent to 45 clock/contact hours or three semester hours in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Education. The BOCES program meets the requirement of 45 contact hours.

This ELPD program is tailored for both online and brick-and-mortar teachers. The program includes professional development and coursework, feedback, modeling, and support. The program offers asynchronous professional development using Schoology, quality feedback, and discussion boards for educators to collaborate. Program outcomes are designed to orient new and experienced educators with best-practice teaching strategies for culturally linguistically diverse students. Evaluating each individual's previous experiences and professional growth plans determines coursework and support levels.

The BOCES course will cover the following:

* Target language and literacy development across content areas
* Incorporate authentic curriculum, instruction, and assessment
* Infuse cultural relevancy across curricular, instructional, and assessment practices
* Develop and build on students' native languages
* Integrate varied, appropriate, and high-level curricular materials
* Provide structure and maximize choice
* Include role models to facilitate language learning and foster positive identity
* Promote asset orientations toward MLs, their families, and communities
* Enact high academic standards to prepare MLs for postsecondary options
* Advocate for holistic approaches to the academic success of MLs

The BOCES ELPD is offered on a 6-week rotation and is open to our school staff and any teacher in Colorado who wishes to pay for this service. The professional development program is free for teachers who are affiliated with ER BOCES. Any teacher who is not a part of the BOCES and wishes to participate will be charged $160. All participants must complete a registration form before starting the program.

Don't hesitate to contact the BOCES for additional information and to reserve your spot in this state-approved ELPD Program.

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