

Supporting K-12 English language learners: What every teacher should know

With the increasing number of people immigrating to Alberta, coupled with a decrease in educational funding across the province it is increasingly difficult for English language learners (ELLs) to get the support they need. In this session, Dr. Breckenridge will discuss the differences between learning a second language as a school subject and being an English language learner in an academic setting. Although the amount and type of resources available in schools varies, this session will increase awareness of how teachers can support their students, even with minimal resources. She will also demonstrate how the English language benchmarks can be used to assess elementary and secondary students (K-12) and how to include students in grade level content by providing resources that correspond to their language abilities. The information in this session will be especially useful for pre-service teachers and teacher educators who may not be familiar with the support that ELLs need to develop academic language in different subject areas.

Dr. Yvonne Breckenridge specializes in EAL (English as an additional language). Her focus is on supporting ELL (English language learners) at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels so they are able to develop the academic language skills they need to meet their goals. She has also taught in teacher education programs for undergraduate students, as well as in-service programs for teachers from Canada, Germany, Japan, and South Korea at the University of Alberta. Her research is based in critical theory and action research with a specific focus on task based language teaching, academic literacy development, and professional development.

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