



Alpena Public Schools

Multilingual Learner Newsletter

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Greetings

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break! Welcome back! One of the ways that we can welcome our students is by greeting them in

their first language. Nelson Mandela said, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." Here are ways to say "Hello, how are you" in our students' languages:

Spanish: ¿Hola, cómo estás?

Chinese: 你好！你好嗎？Nǐ hǎo! Nǐ hǎo ma?

Korean: 안녕하세요. 어떻게

지내세요? annyeonghaseyo. eotteohge jinaeseyo?

Filipino: Hello! kamusta ka na?

Cebano: Hello! kumusta ka?

Urdu: ہیلو! کیسی ہو؟ helo! kisi ho?

Czech: Ahoj! Jak se máte?

Gujarati: હેલો! તમે કેમ છો? Hēlō! Tamē kēma chō?

Portuguese: Olá, como vai?

Sentence Stems and Frames

Using sentence stems and frames is highly beneficial for multilingual learners as they provide structured language support, enabling students to focus on expressing their ideas rather than struggling with syntax. These tools scaffold academic language, making it accessible and manageable by offering a framework for

constructing grammatically correct and contextual appropriate sentences. They also build confidence by reducing the cognitive load associated with language production and help students internalize key vocabulary and sentence structures, ultimately fostering language development and academic success. Here is as [link](#) to examples of sentence stems and frames.



WIDA Testing

WIDA ACCESS is a yearly summative assessment for students identified as

English language learners in grades K-12. The test assesses students' Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking abilities. The testing window for WIDA begins **January 27th and ends April 4th**. Students will need to be pulled to complete this required state testing at different times for each section of the test, and prior to testing, there will be some test preparations during pull-out sessions with students. If you have a multilingual learner in your building or classroom, an email will be sent about the testing schedule soon, as well as requesting a secure testing area.

Weekly Strategies

If you would like to be added to the weekly strategies, email shooksb@alpenaschools.com