2018 ESL/Title III Update - Charter Schools Newsletter

NCDPI Charter Schools Leadership Team

The Charter Leadership Team is a cadre of current teachers and administrators in the Charter Schools of North Carolina. You may contact these leaders if you need feedback onbest-practices in EL student education and support in the fulfillment of the 11 Steps to Success.

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LIEP Service chart

Charter Schools with English Learners (and which do not complete a Title III application through CCIP) should have submitted their LIEP chart by November 24, 2017. The charts are being reviewed at this time. The contact listed in the template will receive an email confirmation.

This information was shared in several editions of the newsletter and other communication channels. Please make sure you submitted the chart.

LIEP Template
LIEP Guidance
Sample Low Incidence Charter; Sample Low Incidence LEA; **Sample High Incidence LEA**

ACCESS 2.0 for ELs 2017-2018

Charter Schools with English Learners: Resources to prepare for this assessment: State page on the WiDA Website

The ACCESS calendar for 2017-2018 has been published in the Operational Testing Calendar for 2017-18 (pdf, 378kb). **The window for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 administration will be January 29-March 9, 2018.**

Join the WiDA Client Relations Team on Twitter and Facebook on January 24th for all-day access to resources, materials, and conversations to help you and your students get ready for the assessment. **Hashtags: #AllDayACCESS and #WiDA**

Additional assistance offered at the WiDA Client Services Center.

Mid-year EL Coordinators Meeting

Join us on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 8am- 4pm at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro NC for the Mid-year EL Coordinator's meeting.

Charter Schools can join for free from 1-4pm

The SLACK channel #elcoordinators will be used during the meeting. Please make sure you still have access. If you are a new coordinator and/or did not attend the summer meeting, contact xatli.stox@dpi.nc.gov prior to January 25th to be added to the SLACK Channel.

Save the date! EL Support Summer Conference August 7-9, 2018

Please provide your feedback: https://www.smore.com/kfshu

At the Growing Success for ELs Summer Conference, you will join educators interested in learning and sharing best practices in EL education. During our workshops, you will review second language acquisition methodologies, academic vocabulary and discourse strategies, and scaffolding techniques to enhance language development instruction with English learners.
Audience: Administrators, Content teachers, ESL teachers and others working with English learners.

North Carolina LinguaFolio Online Pilot Application

This application (bit.ly/NCLFOpilot) closes on Monday, January 22, 2018.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is looking for teachers and students to take part in a pilot of NC LinguaFolio Online (LFO), an updated version of e-LinguaFolio.
If you and your students are interested in being among the first to use NC LFO and help refine it for the state, **please complete and submit this application by Monday, January 22, 2018**.

Teachers in the NC LFO Pilot will receive FREE accounts for themselves and their students during Spring 2018. Participating teachers will be expected to attend three pilot webinars, which will be conducted after school and will provide contact hours towards one CEU. Participants will provide feedback throughout the pilot via emails and/or online surveys so the NC LFO can be readied for statewide release during the 2018-19 school year.
ALL language teachers who are teaching courses from North Carolina's English Language Development Standards (WIDA) for ESL or World Language Essential Standards are invited to apply.

Please contact Ann Marie Gunter, World Languages Consultant, at 919-807-3865 or ann.gunter@dpi.nc.gov, or Xatli Stox, ESL/Title III Consultant, at 919-807-3782 or xatli.stox@dpi.nc.gov with questions.

Become a member of the NCDPI EL Support Team

This application (bit.ly/ELSupportTeamApp) closes on Monday, February 12, 2018.

The application process for the NCDPI EL Support Team is available now. We only have a few positions available and we are excited to offer this opportunity to NC educators, past and present.
The EL Support Team is a cadre of current or former North Carolina teachers, administrators and retirees with a strong understanding of theory-based concepts for best-practices in EL student education. Team members contract through NCDPI to offer training and coaching opportunities across the state. This team has a strong history of effectively serving North Carolina schools and English learners. By applying to become a member of the team, you have an opportunity to showcase your knowledge and skills!

Applications demonstrating a strong understanding of theory-based concepts for best-practices in EL student education will be given priority. These concepts include academic language development, second language acquisition, literacy, authentic formative and summative assessments, technology integration, data-driven decision making, North

Carolina academic standards, working with newcomers, ESL program models, co-teaching, and effective coaching. Additionally, outstanding presentation and organizational skills are a must! The current state-led initiatives include Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP), Expediting Comprehension for English Language Learners (ExC-ELL), World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA), and LinguaFolio. Team members must be well-versed in these, as well as flexible and open to learning new initiatives as they arise.

Read more about the EL Support Team and see the application information at ELD Wiki - EL Support Team Membership. Applications are due: February 12, 2018.

Please contact Xatli Stox, ESL/Title III Consultant, at xatli.stox@dpi.nc.gov with questions.