September - October 2020

E-Bulletin

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Submission Welcome
Submit an item for publication in the monthly MATSOL E-Bulletin.

MATSOL Online Open Houses Are Back!

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a wonderful summer and took plenty of time for yourselves - it's
It's also important to have a place to connect with educators from all over the state, whether you teach in K12, higher education or any other setting. You'll hear updates from MATSOL, the state, and from your peers in other districts or colleges. Come one, come all!

You only have to register once and you can attend any of the open houses for this academic school year. We plan to meet once a month.

We can't wait to see you there!

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**MATSOL Calendar**

**September:**
- 21: Teacher Educators SIG Meeting
- 24: MATSOL Online Open House
- 30: ESL Unit Developers SIG Webinar #1
- *All other SIG meetings are TBA*

**October:**
- 7: ESL Unit Developers SIG Meeting
- 16: MELLC Meeting #1
- 19: Teacher Educators SIG Meeting
- 22: MATSOL Online Open House
- 26: Low Incidence SIG Meeting #1

View the MATSOL Calendar for information and registration.
MATSOL News

MATSOL Courses

MATSOL is offering the following 15 PDP courses:

- EL-109 Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE)
- EL-113 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students with Special Needs
- EL-114 Social Emotional Learning for English Learners
- EL-117 Flexible ESL Lesson Design for In-person and Remote Instruction
- Also MA Sheltered English Instruction Teacher & Administrator Endorsement Courses

MATSOL is also offering SEI endorsement courses for K-12 and vocational education teachers as well. Check [www.matsol.org/courses](http://www.matsol.org/courses) for schedules and registration.

MATSOL Webinar
The Why & the How of Curriculum Development: Foundations & Resources We Need
Presenters: ESL Unit Developers’ SIG Steering Committee

Are you new, or relatively new, to unit development?

- Explain the background of the Next Generation ESL project and its impact on ESL curriculum and instruction.
- Explore key unit development resources, including the Collaboration Tool and the Model Curriculum Units.

This webinar will be held in lieu of our September SIG meeting. Our next regularly scheduled SIG meeting will be... reviewing, implementing, and sharing quality ESL units in order to promote effective EL learning and teaching state-wide!
Register here for this free webinar! It will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 4:00-5:00PM.

SIG Spotlight: Instructional Coaches

Through a five week stretch in the summer, the Instructional Coaches SIG Steering Committee led a book study on Everyday Anti-Racism: Getting Real About Race in Schools edited by Mica Pollock. Members who participated learned about issues they knew of and new ones that opened their eyes more. The group plans to continue this work throughout the school year in addition to their regular SIG meetings.

**All group members are coaches in their districts and belong to this SIG. If you would like to be a part of this work, please contact jfei@matsol.org with your interest.**

Instructional Coaches SIG

MATSOL Currents Spring/Summer 2020
Read the latest issue of Currents and find out what's been happening at MATSOL, detailed reports on conferences and exhibitions, eye-opening personal experience essays, thought-provoking articles from our members, in-depth reviews of literature, and more!

Submit to MATSOL Currents!
There's a lot going on in the world of TESOL and EL education, and we'd like all of it to be reflected in Currents! We welcome articles on a wide range of topics, including the teaching of ESL in higher education, educator-preparation programs, Intensive English Programs, and private language schools.

Submission deadlines:

- May 15 -- Spring/Summer Issue
- October 15 -- Fall/Winter Issue

Learn more about submitting your work for MATSOL Currents

Community News

Mashpee Student Qualifies for State Seal of Biliteracy Test for Wampanoag Biliteracy
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Member Alyssa Harris, a 2020 graduate of Mashpee High School, made history by becoming the first student in the history of the Commonwealth to pursue the state Seal of Bi-Literacy in an indigenous language.

Back-to-School Blueprint
Our Back-to-School Blueprint is an interactive series of research-based, online action guides to help schools prepare to reopen their schools. They also include research, videos, and other key resources educators can use. (From Rennie Center)

MABE Virtual Conference
9th Annual Southern New England Conference for Dual Language Programs
The purpose of this conference is to create the opportunity for dual language educators to network and collaborate, disseminate current research, and learn new ways to reach out to families and communities. September 25 and 26, 2020.

Webinar
Using the Practice Guide to Improve Mathematical Problem Solving in Grades 4-8
This webinar will explore how Improving Mathematical Problem Solving in Grades 4 Through 8: A Practice Guide supports the practice. They also include research, videos, and other key resources educators can use. (From REL)

Road to Recovery: How to Safely Reopen Early Education in Massachusetts
Maintaining a system of quality early education and care where all young kids can safely learn and grow would take investment of an estimated $690 million over the next 5 months. (From MassBudget)

Links & Resources

NEWSLETTER
TESOL Connections
MATSOL members receive free access to TESOL Connections, TESOL International Association’s monthly online newsletter. The latest issue includes Digital Tools for Online Assessment in ELT; Creative Writing Activities for the ESL Classroom; and 4 Factors to Develop Language Proficiency FAST.

REPORT
Bridging the Gap: How Wentworth provides a personalized & local approach to college and career
The transition from high school to college is challenging under normal circumstances. But this year—with...
WEBINAR Recording
Using Data to Promote Culturally Responsive Teaching
This two-part webinar series was designed to support educator preparation program faculty and staff, as well as mentors. The first session provided an overview of culturally responsive teaching, with an emphasis on the importance of using data to identify and leverage students’ assets to better meet their learning needs. (From REL)

TESOL Blog
3 Innovative Ways to Use Breakout Rooms in ELT
In the age of remote and online teaching, it is more important than ever that we find ways to encourage group work and participation in our English language learners’ (ELLs) classes. Breakout rooms can help us do just that. (From TESOL International Association)

RESEARCH
15 Tips for Improving Identification of Gifted EL Students
EL students often are underrepresented in gifted and talented programs. The National Center for Research on Gifted Education (NCRE) provides 15 tips for improving identification of gifted EL students. (From NCRE)

EdWeek Blog
Spanish-Speaking Students Need Support. A New Podcast May Help
As schools shut down to slow the spread of coronavirus, parents and families of children who were not fluent in English faced additional barriers and schools would struggle to support them. A new podcast from the Office of English Language Acquisition at the Department of Education aims to help.

INFOGRAPHIC
Benefits of Multilingualism
There are multiple benefits to being multilingual, multiliterate, and multicultural in today’s global society. (From Office of English Language Acquisition)

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