Tuesday, December 10, 2024



Schedule At-A-Glance						
7:00am - 8:15am	Registration & Continental Breakfast					
8:15am - 9:00am 9:00am - 10:00am	Welcome & Announcements 2024 Arizona EL Teacher of the Year and EL Student Success Stories					
10:00am - 10:20am	Break / Transition Time					
10:20am - 11:35am	Breakout Session ONE					
11:35am - 12:35pm	Lunch					
12:35pm - 12:45pm 12:45pm - 2:00pm	Transition Time Breakout Session TWO					
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Team Time and Networking					
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Transition Time					
2:45pm - 4:00pm Breakout Session THREE						
	Breakout Session ONE 10:20am	- 11:35am				
Session Title		Presenter(s)	Room			
Supporting English Language Learners: Comprehensive Strategies for Educators		Edith Sarmiento, Penelope Munguia, and Susan Contreras (Nogales Unified School District)	Cira BC			
*Five Stars for Verb Tense Writing	Study: The Backbone to Reading Comprehension and	Heidi Koski	Cira A			
	English Language Proficiency Standards	Janie Christie and Julie Rotberg	Solana A			
at an Advanced Level	nguage Proficiency Standards	Jessica Graff and Amanda Love	Solana B			
Collaboration	th Al: Supporting English Learners Through Innovation and	Arlene Ramirez and David Ramirez	Solana CD			
First Words: Newcomer Strategies that Will Jumpstart Language and Academic Success		Joanne Billingsley	Solana FG			
Beyond Compliance- Enriching Your EL Program with Federal Title IV-A Funds		Keri Schoeff and Catherine Oliver	Solana H			
Overcoming Challenges in	Productive Knowledge-Building from a Science Lens	Tisha Bourne, Johanna Kaiser, and Sarah Sleasman	Solana I			
	Breakout Session TWO 12:45pm	- 2:00pm				
	Session Title	Presenter(s)	Room			
Building a Positive EL Culture at Your School: A Systems Approach		Dr. Kelly McQuaid	Cira BC			
*Five Stars for Verb Tense Study: The Backbone to Reading Comprehension and Writing		Heidi Koski	Cira A			
*A Low-Prep Toolkit: Portable & Practical Activities for Pre-Emergent/Emergent-level EL Instruction		Cary Kelly	Solana A			
Enhancing EL Success: Ef	fective Language Scaffolds and Linguistic Supports	Jen Larson	Solana B			
*Targeted ELD Instruction: Thinking Outside the Box About the Structure		Victoria Armenta and Amanda Love	Solana CD			
Fun With High-Frequency Words - Tips for helping ELLs master the words that matter MOST		Joanne Billingsley	Solana FG			
Enhancing Parent, Family, Campus	and Community Engagement: Building Partnerships on	David Aldaco-Ramirez and Rogelio Ruiz	Solana H			
Supporting English Langu	age Learners in Foster Care	Joey Taylor	Solana I			
	Breakout Session THREE 2:45p	m-4:00pm				
	Session Title	Presenter(s)	Room			
English Learner Program Accountability Updates		Sean Smith	Cira BC			
Reading Comprehension Strategies for Targeted ELD Teachers: Unpack Juicy Sentences and What's the Scoop?		Heidi Koski	Cira A			
*A Low-Prep Toolkit: Portable & Practical Activities for Pre-Emergent/Emergent-level EL Instruction		Cary Kelly	Solana A			
Protecting Student Identifiable Information and Navigating English Language Proficiency Reports		Brenda Vanderwerp	Solana B			
*Connecting Language Instruction with Assessment Practices		Janie Christie and Veronica Piper	Solana CD			
9 Key Components for Creating a Language-Rich and Visually Engaging Classroom		Joanne Billingsley	Solana FG			
Supporting Young Native American English Language Learners Using Culturally Responsive Texts		Sophia Begody and Elaine Mollindo	Solana H			
Title III Budget and Equitable Services Updates		Cristina Brownfield and Tiffiany Morse	Solana I			

Wednesday, December 11, 2024



7.00	Schedule At-A-Glance				
7:00am - 8:15am 8:15am - 9:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast Welcome & Announcements				
9:00am - 10:00am	Keynote Dr. John Spencer				
10:00am - 10:20am	Break / Transition Time				
10:20am - 11:35am	Breakout Session ONE				
11:35am - 12:35pm	Lunch				
12:35pm - 12:45pm	Transition Time				
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Breakout Session TWO				
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Team Time and Networking				
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Transition Time				
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Breakout Session THREE				
Breakout Session ONE 10:20am - 11:35am					
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Leveraging Technology fo	r Oral Language Development	Dr. John Spencer	Cira BC		
*Teachers of Newcomers: Get Started with Language Instruction Immediately		Heidi Koski	Cira A		
More than Words: Building Community Through English Language Classes		Trish Zilliox, Sean Wilken, and Nathan Taylor	Solana A		
Creating Integrated Performance Assessments		Sally Claypool; Janice Koivisto, and Sharon Rodgers	Solana B		
*Targeted ELD Instruction: Thinking Outside the Box About the Structure		Victoria Armenta and Amanda Love	Solana CD		
*Using Data to Monitor an	d Understand EL Progress	Dr. Pete Goldschmidt	Solana FG		
What are the Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youth?		Rita Rodriguez	Solana H		
*Integrated Instruction: Co	ompelling Language Scaffolds for English Learners	Camille Alvarez and Julie Rotberg	Solana I		
	Breakout Session TWO 12:45pm -	2:00pm			
	Session Title	Presenter(s)	Room		
Al for Scaffolds and Supp	orts	Dr. John Spencer	Cira BC		
*Teachers of Newcomers: Get Started with Language Instruction Immediately		Heidi Koski	Cira A		
Developing Language Thr	ough Integrated Social Studies Instruction	Kayla Mariani and Kimberlee Preston	Solana A		
AZELLA Resources: The What, Where, and When		Gabriela Finn and Magdalena Pacheco	Solana B		
Producing Language: Writing instruction that works in the K-3 Targeted ELD class!		Jessica Graff and Kayla Oswald	Solana CD		
Arizona English Language Learner Assessment: Overview and Trends in Data		Dr. Anju Kuriakose	Solana FG		
Bridging Barriers: Empow Learning	ering ELs with Disabilities through Universal Design for	Jenifer Fernandez	Solana H		
Supporting the Academic	Achievement of Refugee and Other Newcomer Students	Marisa Pena and Claudia Shepherd	Solana I		
	Breakout Session THREE 2:45pm	-4:00pm			
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The Curious Classroom		Dr. John Spencer	Cira BC		
*Five Stars for Verb Tense	Study: The Backbone to Reading Comprehension and Writing	Heidi Koski	Cira A		
Dream Big: Supporting Er	nglish Learners Beyond a High School Diploma	Andrea Glenn and Rogelio Ruiz	Solana A		
Using AZELLA Sample Tests to Enhance Instruction for ELs		Gabriela Finn and Victoria Armenta	Solana B		
Teaching STEM to English Learners: Integrated Instruction		Dr. Katy Long	Solana CD		
*Using Data to Monitor and Understand EL Progress		Dr. Pete Goldschmidt	Solana FG		
Supporting English Learners in the Math Classroom: ELPs +SMPs		Eboney McKinney, Laurel Cherry and Marisa Tualla	Solana H		
*Activities for EL Learners: Activities that Boost Language in an Integrated Instruction Classroom		Lisala White and Megan Randolph	Solana I		

Thursday, December 12, 2024



7:00am - 8:15am	Registration & Continental Breakfast			
8:15am - 8:30am	Welcome & Announcements			
8:30am - 9:30am	Keynote Dr. Steven Constantino			
9:30am - 9:45am	Break / Transition Time			
9:45am - 11:00am	Breakout Session ONE			
11:00am - 11:15am	Break / Transition Time			
11:15am - 12:30pm	Breakout Session TWO			
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Book Signing with Dr. Constantino			
12:30pm	Lunch			
	Breakout Session ONE 9:45am -	11:00am		
	Session Title	Presenter(s)	Room	
The Five Simple Principles	to Engage Every Family: The Basics!	Dr. Steven Constantino	Cira BC	
*Integrated Instruction: Compelling Language Scaffolds for English Learners		Camille Alvarez and Julie Rotberg	Cira A	
Cracking the Code: Mastering Math Word Problems for English Learners		Rob Hilliker and Chelsey Branham	Solana A	
Storytelling as Instruction: Using Read-Alouds and Discussion Structures to Build Comprehension		Lauren Spenceley and Karen Ten Napal	Solana B	
*Connecting Language Instruction with Assessment Practices		Janie Christie and Veronica Piper	Solana CD	
Creating a Districtwide System of Compliance & Integrity focused on Communication		Karen Cárdenas, Sally Claypool, and Cesar Rios	Solana FG	
Using Al to Accelerate Formative Assessment		Jill Merten and Andrea Reeves	Solana H	
Routinize Hitting Every Language Domain		Evan Chamberlain	Solana I	
	Breakout Session TWO 11:15am -	12:30pm		
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The Five Simple Principles	to Engage Every Family: The Basics!	Dr. Steven Constantino	Cira BC	
Unpacking the PIs of the ELPS - A How to and Working Session Opportunity		Jessica Graff and Amanda Love	Cira A	
*Activities for EL Learners: Activities that Boost Language in an Integrated Instruction Classroom		Lisala White and Megan Randolph	Solana A	

Schedule At-A-Glance

Using AI for ELD Instruction

English Learner Program Accountability Updates

Question Weaving: Increasing Student Speak for Rapid Growth

Unleashing Potential: Using Assessments to Transform Instruction for English Learners

Science of Reading for English Learners

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Solana CD

Solana FG

Solana H

Solana I

Cary Kelly

Sean Smith

Karen Ten Napel

Jen Larson

Jeremy Smith

^{*} Notes a repeated session.