



# English Language Learning

*Helping all learners excel in the classroom*

English language learners (ELLs) have unique needs that must be met both linguistically and instructionally within classrooms.

McREL can help you build on the strengths of your ELL students and staff to accelerate learning. From the classroom to the district, we'll develop a research-based strategic approach for your ELL students' success, analyzing your data, curriculum, and instructional practices to identify bright spots, potential quick wins, and longer-term goals. Through our PD and coaching services, we'll help your teachers and district staff understand the stages of second-language acquisition and how they impact instructional strategies and student learning, building their capacity to develop students' language proficiency while also engaging them in everyday classroom content, allowing academic learning to continue even as your students develop English-language proficiency.

## **Academic Language Learning**

**Integrating academic content and language development for success**

In today's classrooms, every student is an Academic Language Learner (ALL). ELLs are a subset of ALLs, but, it's important to consider that academic language learning helps all students thrive in the classroom—both native speakers and ELLs. We'll show you how to help all your students support the content they're learning by using rich, targeted academic language to engage in collaborative discussions, present ideas, engage with complex text, explain reasoning, construct arguments, and critique reasoning.

### **Contact us today to**

- Develop a comprehensive solution customized for your school or district
- Deliver high-quality professional development and coaching to your staff, aligned to your district's specific goals and strategic plan
- Train your own staff to be expert PD leaders in your district

**800.858.6830 or  
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# Practical solutions to help ELL and ALL students and teachers

## Customized ELL and ALL consulting and audits

McREL offers direct, customized consulting for school and district staff—including needs assessments and audits—to identify areas for improvement on current ELL and ALL practices and to discover areas of strength on which to build.

### Culturally responsive education consulting

Each student enters the classroom with a culturally defined identity that shapes his or her learning experience. We can help you develop and implement culturally responsive instruction practices that enhance learning for all students and deepen their knowledge about their own and other cultures. Our experienced consultants have helped schools and districts—including Native American and First Nation schools—create culturally relevant, engaging, standards-based curricula and instructional practices that motivate learning, boost academic achievement, and increase student efficacy, creating a foundation for a high-quality education for all students.

### Examples of our ELL-focused PD, customizable to your district's specific needs:

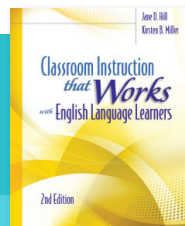
- **Teaching Reading in the Content Areas with an ELL Lens**  
Increase your awareness of the importance of teaching reading in all the content areas. Experience hands-on practice with reading strategies, while viewing them through an ELL lens to see what is different about teaching ELL students.
- **Classroom Instruction That Works with English Language Learners**  
Get to know the nine instructional strategies that enhance student achievement, and how to effectively engage both ELL and ALL students in learning of content throughout the stages of language acquisition.

- **ELL Leadership Academy**  
Strengthen your skills around leading an ELL-focused learning community. You'll learn to recognize the correlation between leadership practices and student achievement, and you'll increase your capacity to lead ELL reform and implementation efforts.
- **Playful English Language Learning**  
Identify and strengthen the factors that contribute to early childhood English-language proficiency using techniques and classroom activities that enhance children's oral language development.
- **Academic Conversations in the Content Areas**  
Simulate what academic talk looks like, sounds like, and feels like, using strategies to learn strategies. Practice academic talk aligned with content to fully appreciate its powerful connection to the oracy-literacy relationship.

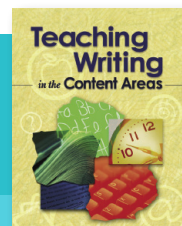
### Other available workshop topics include:

- Academic Conversations in Special Areas
- Higher-Order-Thinking Skills for ELLs and Others in Need of Language Development
- Power of Data
- K-5 Planning and Instructing with Content and Language Objectives (CLOs)
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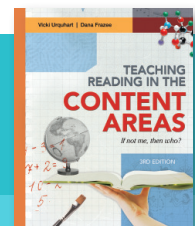
Maximize your ELL strategies and PD plans with these McREL publications



*Classroom Instruction That Works with English Language Learners, 2nd Ed.*



*Teaching Writing in the Content Areas*



*Teaching Reading in the Content Areas: If Not Me, Then Who?, 3rd Ed.*

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