

Supporting Recently-Arrived English Learners (RAELs): A Summer 2021 Collaboration

Do you have experience working with RAEL students and families?

Do you have ideas of how we can improve services for RAEL students at a district, school or classroom level?

Who are RAELs?

RAELs are students who have moved to the U.S. in the last 5 years and are classified ELs. They include refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors and others with similar backgrounds.

The summer collaboration opportunity is intended to develop stronger systems of support for *Recently-arrived English Learners (RAELs)* in Albuquerque Public Schools. RAELs arrive in the APS with unique strengths and assets such as resiliency, multilingual, educational values, and much more. However, RAEL students also face many challenges such as adapting to a new culture, new system, learning a new language, sometimes come with interrupted formal education, low literacy in native language and experience multiple levels of oppression.

This will be an opportunity for educators from diverse backgrounds to collectively envision effective instruction and support across all programs and content areas (NOT JUST IN ELD!) and develop recommendations and planning for the district. We have space for 15 educators in total.

When?

There will be an introductory session that each accepted applicant is required to attend. There will be two cohorts. We will spend 5 sessions together including the introduction session.

- Introduction session (required for all participants): June 1st, 4-6pm
- Cohort A (afternoon): June 7-10, 1pm-3pm
- Cohort B (evening): June 7-10, 4pm-6pm

Where?

This collaboration will be remote with a possibility for some in-person activities.

What is expected of you?

You will be expected to attend all of the sessions with your group, a total of 10 hours. You will be expected to work collaboratively with others in the group on a variety of topics concerning RAEL students and families.

How much will it cost?

It's FREE! In fact, we will pay you a \$220 stipend for your participation (\$22/hr)

How do I apply?

If you are interested, please apply by May 14th using this google form <https://forms.gle/o2AFRzC7JfcjiurR7>. Your application will be reviewed by a committee from the APS Refugee & Newcomer Support and, if selected, we will contact you no later than May 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Baca at brandon.baca@aps.edu or 505-803-7781