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Our Mission
The Office of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education provides support to Colorado school districts, schools, and educational leaders in the academic, linguistic, and social-emotional challenges and opportunities of culturally and linguistically diverse students to ensure equitable access to grade level standards and ensure a well-rounded education.

2022 CLDE Award Winners
Theme: "Stronger Together"

Elementary Art Award Winners
- from Broadmoor Elementary, “Stronger Together” (first on left)
- from Joyce Art Studio, “The Nest” (second on left)

Elementary Art of Honorable Mention
- from Edith Teter Elementary, “Family Tree” (first on right)
- from Edith Teter Elementary, “Stronger in Our Differences” (second on right)
Middle School Art Award Winners

- from Franklin Middle School, “Band Frog” (left)
- from Pagosa Springs Middle School, “We Are the Same” (middle)

Middle School Art of Honorable Mention

- from Action Learning Center, “Juntos” (right)

High School Art Award Winner

- from Joyce Art Studio, “United As One” (left)

High School Art of Honorable Mention

- from Mountain Range High School, “Through the Negative” (middle)
- from Early College Academy, “Last Hope” (right)

Other Announcements

- English Learner Redesignation Procedures
- English Learner Identification
- ELPA Allocations
- Interim Guidance & Procedures to Identify English Learners
- WIDA Self-Paced eWorkshops
- CLDE Virtual Office Hours
- Distance Learning Guidance
- Instructional Guidance for Colorado Schools & Districts
**WIDA Screener for Kindergarten**

- WIDA has decided to retire the Kindergarten W-APT assessment at the end of school year 21-22
- The W-APT training and assessment materials will be removed from the WIDA Secure Portal on June 30, 2022
- Colorado will fully transition away from W-APT and begin to administer WIDA Screener for Kindergarten during SY22-23
- For more information regarding Colorado Identification Procedures, please visit Identification and Placement
- For more information regarding WIDA Screener for grades 1-12 and ACCESS for ELLs, please visit WIDA Screener Assessment

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**Designing, Delivering, and Evaluating Services for Multilingual Learners Guidebook**

The Guidebook provides assistance to Colorado educators, administrators and school board members in their continuing efforts to address the linguistic and educational needs of multilingual learners by sharing information on legislated and judicially mandated policies as well as best practices and program procedures. The Guidebook can be viewed and/or downloaded at your convenience by opening links to each chapter.

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**Recently Arrived English Learners Toolkit**

The White House announced, “Bright Spots” for welcoming and expanding opportunities for linguistic integration and education at end of June. The announcement identified a list of resources including the introduction of the U.S. Department of Education’s Newcomer Toolkit designed to help schools support immigrants, refugees, and their families with a successful integration process. This toolkit provides information, resources and examples of effective practices that educators can use to support newcomers in our schools and communities. We are pleased to share this tool with you.

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**Additional Resources**

- The Center on Standards & Assessment Implementation
- Cultural Orientation Resource Center
- Welcoming Immigrant Students in School - Infographic

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**English Learner Access to High-Quality Education**

On January 7, 2015, the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights and the Department of Justice released a Joint guidance to spell out the legal obligations of state and local education agencies to English learners. At the same time, Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) released the first chapter of an English Learners Tool Kit (on identifying all English learners), offering checklists, tools, and resources to help SEAs and LEAs in fulfilling their obligations.

- Joint Guidance Letter
- English Learner Tool Kit OELA
- English Learner Factsheet for Parents
- Rights of All Children to Enroll in U.S. Schools
- Explaining English Language Support to Families
Financial Transparency

Financial information on schools and districts throughout Colorado. Learn more about financial transparency.

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