



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
Route To: Bilingual/ESL Supervisors
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2026–2027 Professional Development Opportunities for Educators of Multilingual Learners

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to offer a variety of professional learning opportunities for educators who support Multilingual Learners (MLs). These opportunities help local educational agencies (LEAs) meet professional development requirements outlined in [Section 3115\(c\)](#) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), [N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.8](#), and [N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.3](#).

Through the NJDOE's partnership with WIDA, professional development opportunities are available to educators supporting MLs. Offerings include the in-person workshops and live webinars listed in the course schedule below, as well as on-demand videos and recorded webinars.

Course Schedule

Title	Dates	Max. Participants	Format
Planning with the WIDA ELD Standards Framework	10/13/26 and 10/20/26	60	Webinar
Actionable Approaches for Centering Newcomers	12/1/26 and 12/8/26	60	Webinar
Exploring WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten	12/15/26	100	Webinar
Writing with Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Grades	1/19/27 and 1/20/27	40	In-Person
Writing with Multilingual Learners in the Secondary Grades	1/21/27 and 1/22/27	40	In-Person
Expanding Reading Instruction with Multilingual Learners	3/2/27 and 3/9/27	60	Webinar
Scaffolding Learning through Language	3/16/27 and 3/17/27	40	In-person
Engaging Secondary Newcomers in Content-Area Literacy	3/18/27	40	In-person

Steps for Registering for Live Events:

Registration for NJDOE-sponsored webinars and workshops will be available through the [NJDOE Events Page](#).

Self-Paced Courses and On-Demand Videos

The WIDA Self-Paced eWorkshop and webinar package designed to strengthen instruction and support for MLs will be **available beginning September 1, 2026**, and is open to all educators with a WIDA login and can be accessed through the [WIDA Secure Portal](#).

To access WIDA self-paced courses and videos:

1. Contact your District Test Coordinator or designated WIDA Account Coordinator to obtain or activate a WIDA account.
2. Follow the email instructions to activate your account and create a password.
3. Log in to the [WIDA Secure Portal](#) and select the desired course or video.

Contact Information

For additional questions, please contact the Office of Supplemental Educational Programs at (609) 376-9080 or email ml@doe.nj.gov.