

Department of Bilingual Education and World Languages

Technology Programs

Imagine Learning

Imagine Learning is a research-based, adaptive, data-driven, online program that targets language acquisition and literacy. The program creates an individualized learning pathway for each student, scaffolds, accelerates and remediates instruction as needed. It explicitly teaches oral language acquisition and foundational literacy skills that include the five elements of reading: comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and phonological awareness. English Language Learners are taught cross-curricular vocabulary content words in a variety of lessons that are adaptive and engaging through a blended learning approach. This program also offers first-language support in 15 languages. Miami-Dade County Public Schools use Imagine Learning for ESOL Level 1 students in grades K-12.

Achieve 3000

Achieve 3000 is an online differentiated instruction program that delivers daily differentiated instruction for nonfiction reading and writing tailored to each student's Lexile reading level. It embeds assessments, adaptive content to support increasing students' ability to read, comprehend, learn vocabulary, practice writing skills, as well as, apply and communicate information derived from complex text. Miami-Dade County Public Schools use Achieve 3000 for ESOL Level 2-4 students in grades 6-12.

Nearpod iWorld Private Library

Nearpod iWorld Private Library is an exclusive library that provides access to supplemental digital lessons to iWorld ESOL teachers. It is a private library within the Nearpod digital platform where Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary ESOL teachers can access standards-based, LAFS and WIDA standards language level aligned lessons that incorporate the gradual release of responsibility model, and which are strategically designed to meet the academic and linguistic needs of ELLs. The iWorld Nearpod Private Library contains over 350 custom lessons that provide rigorous digital content which includes vocabulary and grammar bundles, used in a blended learning environment. Miami-Dade County Public Schools District uses the Nearpod iWorld Private Library in grades 6-12 with all English Language Learners. Teachers must be previously trained on using the Nearpod iWorld Private Library to have access to this platform.

Nearpod iTutoring

iTutoring is a supplemental digital tutoring initiative, designed to support teachers tutoring ESOL students in grades 2-12. These teachers have access to the iTutoring Nearpod Private Library which contains over 300 content lessons within the Nearpod digital platform which are correlated to FSA standards, available in Math, Science and ELA, and are intended to be used as a supplemental digital tool to increase the academic achievement of ELLs. In addition, ESOL tutors trained on using the Nearpod iTutoring Private Library, also have unlimited access to the Nearpod Content Library. Teachers may customize lessons to target their tutoring objectives and ESOL student academic and linguistic needs. Teachers must be previously trained on using the Nearpod iTutoring Private Library to have access to this platform.

ESOL Buddy

ESOL buddy is a multi-platform app that may be used by recently-arrived English Language Learners as a personal translation assistant translating words, sentences, spoken in the native language and translated into the target language. This app supports and supplements communications in 23 languages for ELL students, teachers, parents, and administrators. To protect the privacy of communications, ESOL Buddy does not keep a written log of the translations, but will allow you to repeat the most recent translation. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will pilot using ESOL Buddy in 2017-2018.

ELLevation

ELLevation is a web-based software platform designed for teachers of English Language Learners. It targets compliance requirements, simplifies administrative tasks, and provides digital tools for all teachers of English Language Learners to understand how to individualize instruction. ELLevation offers two main software components:

- ELLevation Platform aggregates all information and data about ELLs in one place. It provides web-based comprehensive ESOL student data, reporting, student plans, ELL committee meeting and monitoring tools. It is used primarily by ESOL Chairpersons and administrators for ESOL compliance. This platform has replaced the District designed WLEP application for ESOL Compliance.
- ELLevation Instructional Strategies/InClass provides classroom teachers with tools to identify their ELL students, learn about their language acquisition needs, and collaborate with all stakeholders. Teachers have access to a bank of over 700 English language acquisition goals that reflect WIDA standards embedded and aligned goals by language domains. It also provides 80+ instructional strategies to scaffold instruction designed to help classroom teachers individualize instruction for ELLs across all grades and content areas.