



Thursday, November 5, 2020 | Virtual Conference

ELevate + EdTech Session Descriptions

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Fostering Interaction in a Digital Landscape: Strategies, Tips and Tech Tools

Esther Park, Featured Presenter

Interaction is key to successful learning. Explore research-based strategies, engagement tips and tech tools to increase student-to-student, student-to-teacher and student-to-content interaction in a digital landscape.

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Empowering Lessons With Nearpod

Lisa Rigg, St. Louis Public Schools

Learn how to use Nearpod to present lessons for EL pullout and co-teaching to increase engagement during synchronous instruction. Discover how to increase comprehensible input during asynchronous instruction when questions cannot be answered.

Get ELs Hyped with HyperDocs and Wakelet!

Lindsay Schmidt, EducationPlus

Student engagement and making content comprehensible is key to English Learner achievement. In this session, learn how Wakelet and HyperDocs can be used to create fun, easily accessible lessons that have built in supports to ensure ELs are successful.

Google for ELs: Google Slides and Jamboard

Esther Park, Featured Presenter

Do you work at a Google district? Are you looking for engaging ways to use Google Slides and Jamboard to enhance learning and empower your ELs? Learn the how-to's of creating collaborative Jamboard and Google tools and tricks to make remote learning comprehensible. Leave this session with numerous ready-to-use Google Slides and Jamboard templates.

Language Learning Fun with Flipgrid

Rob Greenhaw, EducationPlus

Discover how Flipgrid can be utilized to empower ELs and accelerate language learning. Learn Flipgrid basics as well as some tips and tricks to get students using academic language in authentic and fun ways!

Supporting High School ELs in Math

Sheri Lawson, Hazelwood School District

Learn tips and tricks for using Aristotle to virtually observe student work and provide individual and small group interventions in the moment.

Using and Creating Podcasts to Promote Listening Skills

Thomas Johnston, St. Louis Public Schools

Learn how to create or curate podcast-based listening exercises. Discover free resources to create and syndicate a podcast at no cost and explore how to incorporate podcast episodes into listening exercises and assignments for ELs.

Your Choice: Using Choice Boards to Differentiate Instruction

Betsy Trapp, St. Louis Public Schools

Using multimodal instructional strategies to differentiate instruction, Choice Boards extend lessons and cultivate family participation. Learn about its versatile uses and designs to provide choice to learners and promote learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Developing SEL in ELs: A District-Wide Approach

Amanda Wiesner-Groff, St. Louis Public Schools

Take an in-depth look at the evolution and implementation of a district-wide SEL Program for ELs. Learn how to effectively develop the social-emotional learning of K-12 ELs using research-based ESOL best practices.

Differentiating Math Practice Using Prodigy

Christy Brooks, EducationPlus

Learn how the free program, Prodigy Game, engages EL students and boosts their achievement in math. Discover Prodigy Game's accessibility for ELs and how to use the tools and reports to differentiate instruction for your students.

EL-Friendly Formative Assessment Using Forms

Jonathon Lee, EducationPlus

Discover how to embed language supports into your exit slips and quizzes using Google Forms. Learn the basics of both Google and Microsoft Forms as well as how to create EL-friendly assessments that can be easily differentiated.

EL Parents as Partners in Virtual Learning

Tuyet Nguyen, St. Louis Public Schools

Learn different strategies to conduct parent engagement during virtual learning. St. Louis Public Schools' ESOL Program engages parents through video conference calls and on-demand tutorials.

Helping Classroom Teachers Through Micro-PD

Anne Truran, KIPP St. Louis

If you have noticed little things that your teachers could be doing to better support EL students (whether in-person or virtually) but struggle to get face-time with your staff, learn how to create micro-PD videos to support teachers in making tiny changes that add up over time.

Teaching Receptive Skills to ELs: Tried and True Tools to Engage and Empower

Michelle Shory and Irina McGrath, Featured Presenters

Receptive skills allow ELs to make meaning of the world, interpret spoken and written words, and build schema. They are often the first step in the process of learning a new language. Learn a variety of tools that support the development of listening and reading skills as well as engage and empower ELs.

Using Nearpod to Virtually Assess EL Development

Elena Okanovic and Heather Tuckson, St. Louis Public Schools

To support EL portfolio data collection, learn how to use English Language Development (ELD) benchmarks to progress monitor ELs throughout the year. As virtual ELD progress monitoring became a necessity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, discover how to use Nearpod lessons for virtual ELD assessment.

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Teaching Productive Skills to ELs: Tried and True Tools to Promote Creativity and Critical Thought

Michelle Shory and Irina McGrath, Featured Presenters

Active forms of learning, otherwise known as speaking and writing, are essential skills that allow English Learners to communicate with the world and demonstrate learning. Learn a variety of tools that will help ELs to hone their productive skills and develop creativity and critical thought.