

Division of Adult Education Monthly Webinar

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Agenda

- National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week
- Division updates
- Division QER reminders
- Distance education with English learners



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Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Thank you to all staff in local adult education and family literacy programs for your hard work and dedication to your students!

Congratulations to all students, who demonstrate persistence and determination in their educational journeys!



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Division updates

- Survey on impact of budget impasse
- 2025-26 grants
- eData open
 - 38 agencies have access
 - 28 grantees; 10 subgrantees
 - Start entering data
- 2024-25 reports
 - Title II as partners in workforce (all)
 - Corrections education



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BEST Plus 3.0

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 - If you have new staff who need to be trained, you will have to do the CAL training for a fee
 - \$125 per person;
 - Allowable expense
 - Charge to 2270



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Division quarterly expenditure reports

- Due 10th business day after end of quarter
- Submit in October even though you haven't received funds
- Review of process to complete them



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D.130 Distance learning

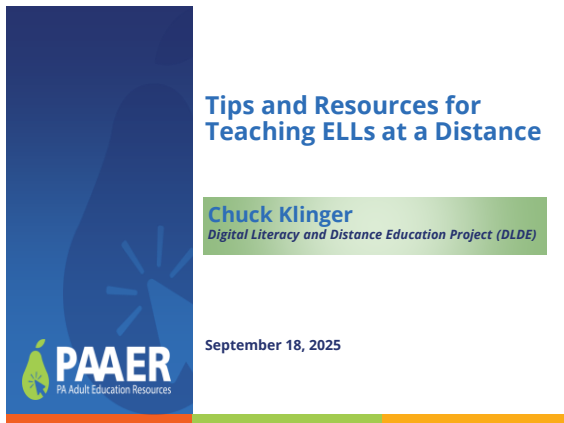
- Formal learning activity in which students & teachers are separated by geography, time, or both
 - Not use of computer-based resources during in-person class time
 - Not homework



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Distance Education

Synchronous (Live Classes):

- Remote: All students participate at a distance
- Hyflex: Some students participate at a distance

Asynchronous (Approved SDL Resources)

- Online (Burlington English, USA Learns, etc.)
- Print (National Geographic, Oxford Step Forward, etc.)
- Supplemental Lessons

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Support for Synchronous Instruction

Tips:

- Distance instruction MUST be well-planned
- Instructional routines are helpful
- Orient students to basic needs for remote participation
 - Start small, build as appropriate
- Prioritize Engaging Learners: use polls, breakout rooms, etc.

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Support for Synchronous Instruction

Resources (most available on PAAER):

- Videos of Remote/Hyflex ESL Classes
- Zoom Activity Starter Set (collection of resources teachers can adapt)
- IDEAL Digital Education Handbook
- Remote Class Observation Tools

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Tips for Supplemental Distance Learning

- Find the Resources that Best Meets Your Needs
 - Complements live instruction
 - Supports student devices
 - Cost
 - Consider multiple resources to meet different needs
- Link Supplemental DL to Synchronous Instruction
 - Blend learning?
 - Class discussions
- Consider Supplemental Distance Lessons
 - Individual activities for students to complete
 - Teachers may submit their own for approval

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Support from the PDS

- ESL Community of Practice:
 - Not specific to distance
- DLDE Courses:
 - Improving Real Time Remote Instruction
 - Strengthening Your Distance Learning Options
 - Intake and Orientation for Distance Learning
 - Using a Learning Management System to Improve Learning
 - Building Your Digital Skills
 - Building Learners digital Skills Using Instructional Routines
- Technical Assistance

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Questions?

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Primary Considerations

- Platform
- Curriculum
- Classroom Aides
- Communication



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Working with Beginners

- Instructional Routines
- Repetition
- WhatsApp Voice Messages
- Videos



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Visit a Class

- shbeck@cchbg.org

View the Curriculum

- https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J15zDeBzHaQ3P15P0tclg1Jl2X9Yy1y?usp=drive_link



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Contact/Mission

For more information on adult education and family literacy, please visit
PDE's website at www.education.pa.gov

The mission of the Department of Education is to ensure that every learner has access to a world-class education system that academically prepares children and adults to succeed as productive citizens. Further, the Department seeks to establish a culture that is committed to improving opportunities throughout the commonwealth by ensuring that technical support, resources, and optimal learning environments are available for all students, whether children or adults.



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