

QUALITY TEACHING FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

WHAT IS QTEL?

WestEd's Quality Teaching for English Learners initiative works to develop educator capacity to support English Learners in accelerated and meaningful ways. Using a disciplinary approach to language learning, QTEL focuses on a future oriented pedagogy that builds on what students bring with them to the classroom as it deepens their ability to engage critically with others and with a variety of complex texts and concepts. The QTEL model of teaching is based on sociocultural theories of learning in which students are simultaneously apprenticed into disciplinary academic practices and the language they need to be successful in school, the workplace, and their civic lives.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

QTEL offers a wide variety of services designed to develop educator expertise not only for teachers, but also for teacher leaders, coaches, and administrators at both the school and district levels.



A well designed and tested model that develops teacher expertise to achieve with ELs the same rigorous goals and practices required of students who are native English speakers.



A researched program which was the first of its kind to focus on simultaneous disciplinary literacy and language development.



Access to high quality pedagogical materials and tools aligned to state standards.



A coherent, high caliber professional development portfolio that includes workshops, lesson planning, coaching, intervisitations, and distal support.



WHAT ARE OUR SERVICES?

- * QTEL Professional Development Institutes
 - QTEL Building the Base Institute
 - QTEL Disciplinary Literacy Institutes
 - QTEL Site and District Leadership Institutes
 - QTEL Coaching Institute
 - QTEL Summer Institute
- * QTEL Coaching
- * QTEL Professional Development Certification
- * Materials Development
- * EL Program Review



HOW DO WE WORK WITH SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS?

Our services can be customized and implemented to meet the individual and unique needs of schools and districts.

Whole School Implementation: QTEL provides services for the entire faculty of an individual school at differentiated levels including teachers, teacher leaders, coaches and leadership to support transformation and ensure sustainability.

District Wide Implementation: QTEL provides services for teachers and leadership from many schools across one district or in a specific subset of schools to facilitate coherence and sustainability across the district.

Lighthouse School Model of Implementation: QTEL provides services for an individual school using the whole school model of implementation. That school then serves as a lighthouse or model for other educators across the district.

“The strategies and activities that were demonstrated and presented are extremely helpful and beneficial and I am excited to use them not only with my EL students, but my mainstream classes as well.”

