STRATEGIES to SUPPORT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

• Speak slower, not louder.
• Provide outlines, advanced organizer, or visual guides.
• Write down key terms on the board.
• Integrate games.
• Read written instructions. Repeat.
• Write key concept vocabulary on a Word Wall.
• Integrate listening centers.
• Model new skills.
• Extend test time.
• Don’t rescue ELLs when they struggle to speak - smile, relax your feet, face, and hands, and wait (it’s hard to be tense when those body parts are loose).
• Think-pair-share.
• Provide exemplars of successful projects.
• Let students use their home language in the classroom to solve work.
• Use pictures, sketches, and graphic organizers.
• Make videos of presentations for ELLs to replay if needed.
• Liberally use checks for understanding.
• Pair up ELLs with strong oral and written English skills.
• Share a picture glossary.
• Teach with cooperative learning.
• Provide opportunities for low-stakes writing.