

# WIOA:ESL and IEL/Civics: Math, Career Pathways, and Integrated Education and Training (IET)

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# Agenda

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- WIOA and English Language Learners
- Small Group Discussions

# WIOA & English Language Learners

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How does WIOA define an English Language Acquisition Program (an ESL program)?

A program of instruction designed to help ELLs achieve competence in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension of the English language that leads to:

- attainment of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent AND
- transition to postsecondary education and training OR employment

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## New Focus for ELLs: Math

The purpose of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) was expanded to include **math** for ELLs.

*From WIOA:*

Assist immigrants and other ELLs improve their:

- Reading, writing speaking, and comprehension skills in English
- **Mathematics skills**
- Acquiring an understanding of the American system of government, individual freedom, and the responsibilities of citizenship

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## New Focus: Career Pathways

*From the WIOA definition:*

**Career Pathways:** A combination of rigorous and high-quality education, training, and other services that:

- prepare an individual to be successful in any of a full range of secondary or postsecondary education options
- help an individual enter or advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster

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New Focus:

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

*WIOA definition:*

IET: a service approach that provides adult education and literacy activities **concurrently and contextually** with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement.

# WIOA & IEL/Civics Programs

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- Former Name:

EL/Civics or EL/CE Programs

*English Literacy and Civics Education*

- New Name:

IEL/Civics or IEL/CE Programs

*Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education*

# WIOA & IEL/Civics Programs

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## *New Goal for WIOA IEL/CE Programs: Employment*

- Provide instruction in literacy (*defined on next slide*) and English language acquisition, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation, and workforce training
- Prepare ELLs for, and place such adults in, unsubsidized *employment* in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency
- Integrate with the local workforce development system and its functions to carry out the activities of the program



# Defining Literacy

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## Literacy

*WIOA definition:*

An individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, compute, and solve problems, at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual, and in society.

# Discussion & Sharing

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Your worksheet has 3 areas for discussion:

1. Integrating **Math** into your program's ESL curriculum
2. Integrating **Career Pathways** into your program's ESL curriculum
3. Including **Integrated Education Training (IET)** in your ESL and IEL/Civics courses

# Discussion & Sharing: Questions

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1. How are you currently integrating or planning to integrate **Math** within your current ESL curriculum?
2. How are you currently integrating or planning to integrate **Career Pathways** within your current ESL curriculum?
3. What are some ways to include **Integrated Education and Training (IET)** in ESL and IEL/Civics courses to achieve college and career readiness?