



**SETESOL Conference**  
**October 23-25, 2025**

**Hosted by ARKTESOL**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

#### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The 2025 SETESOL Conference will be held **Thursday, October 23 through Saturday, October 25** in Little Rock, Arkansas. The theme of this year's conference is **ACT to Impact: Advocate, Collaborate, and Teach**.

Thursday's keynote address will be delivered by ***Dr. Kate Kinsella*** and Friday's will be delivered by ***Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld***.

Saturday's events will focus on advocacy and will feature a panel discussion, as well as opportunities for parents and students to share their experiences.



# THURSDAY

# 2025 SETESOL

**23 OCTOBER 2025**

07:30 AM - 04:30 PM

**STATEHOUSE  
CONVENTION CENTER**

Little Rock, Arkansas

**7:30 AM**

Registration and Exhibitions Open

**8:00 AM**

**Arkansas ESOL Updates 2025-2026**  
**Maria Touchstone (repeated twice)**

**8:30 & 9:00AM**

**Breakout Session 1:**  
**Workshops (8:30) & Presentations (9:00)**

**10:00 AM**

**Opening Session & Keynote Address**  
**Dr. Kate Kinsella**

**11:30 AM**

Lunch on your own  
Consider [these](#) nearby restaurants

**1:00 PM**

**Breakout Session 2:**  
**Workshops & Presentations**

**2:00 & 2:30 PM**

**Breakout Session 3:**  
**Presentations (2:00) & Workshop (2:30)**

**3:00 PM**

Regional Networking Meet Ups

**3:45 PM**

SETESOL Meeting

	Arkansas ESOL Updates 8:00 to 8:45	Breakout 1 Workshops 8:30 to 9:45	Breakout 1 9:00 to 9:45	Keynote (Wally Allen Ballroom D) 10:00 to 11:30
Wally Allen Ballroom D				<b>Dr. Kate Kinsella, "Proven Practices to Engage ALL Learners in Lesson Interactions that Build Language and Literacy Foundations" Sponsored by HMH</b>
Wally Allen Ballroom A	Arkansas ESOL Updates 2025-2026 Maria Touchstone Arkansas DESE		<b>Alt ELPA &amp; ELPA21: Impactful Arkansas ELs</b> Dr. Alan Lytle Arkansas DESE	
Wally Allen Ballroom B		<b>75 min. Workshop: Academic Language for All</b> Elizabeth Macias & Dr. Raquel Núñez E.L. Achieve		
Wally Allen Ballroom C			<b>The Power of Two: LRSD's Bilingual &amp; Dual Language Legacy</b> Dr. Xee Yang Little Rock School District	
Wally Allen Ballroom E		<b>75 min. Workshop: Turning Teacher Logic Into AI-Compatible Instructional Workflows</b> Kyra Sage University of Southern California		
Choctaw			<b>Impacting EL Success: Teaching Through Language Driven-Planning</b> Michelle Johnston & Gwen King Bailey Education Group	
Drew			<b>Pushing In ELD for all levels of English Language Proficiency</b> Tracy Leone & Megan Oaks Osceola & Gentry School Districts	
Yell 1			<b>America 250 for Language Instruction Education Programs</b> Aida Kuettle , Dr. Dru Davison, & Michelle Flournoy Crystal Bridges Museum	
Yell 2			<b>E-Tandem for EFL Instruction in Latin America: Research Insights</b> Ligia Fernanda Espinosa Cevallos Universidad Regional Amazónica Ikiam /	

Breakout 2 1:00 to 1:45	Breakout 2 Workshops 1:00 to 2:15	Breakout 3 2:00 to 2:45	Breakout 3 Workshop 2:30 to 3:30	Regional Networking 3:30 to 4:15
	<b>75 min. Workshop: Proven Practices to Develop Reading Fluency with Multilingual Learners Across the School Day</b> Dr. Kate Kinsella		<b>60 min. Workshop: Collaborative Assessment for Multilingual Learners and Teachers</b> Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld	
<b>Bringing Content and Language Together: Empowering Literacy Success</b> Rebecca Elias Summit K12		<b>Empowering Students by Leveraging Strengths to Meet Grade Level Standards</b> Kim Russell & Marline Vernon Springdale School District		<b>Northwest Arkansas Meet Up</b> Megan Oaks ARKTESOL
<b>Using English Language Proficiency Data to Drive Decision Making</b> Dr. Jobi Lawrence & Dr. Alan Lytle UCLA CRESST - ELPA21 & Arkansas DESE				<b>Central Arkansas Meet Up</b> Dr. Xee Yang ARKTESOL
<b>Customizing AI: TESOL Tips for Culturally Sustaining Online Instruction</b> Chih-Hsin Hsu Arkansas Tech University		<b>Back at 1: Building Capacity for Tier 1 Universal Instruction</b> Carrie Acrey & Tiffany Thompson Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock		<b>Northeast Arkansas Meet Up</b> Susan Fredricks ARKTESOL
<b>Beyond the Summative Assessment: Selecting an Effective Interim ELP Assessment</b> Ellen Parkhurst & Suzanne Johar Wisconsin Center for Education Products and Services (WCEPS)		<b>Improving English Proficiency for low-literacy Secondary MLLs- (Random-Control Study, Richland-2-SC)</b> Kris Jagasia Off2Class		<b>West Arkansas Meet Up</b> Aida Kuettle ARKTESOL
<b>Through Their Eyes: Reimagining Teaching with the EL Perspective</b> Julieta Irons & Tracy Criss Lake Hamilton School District		<b>Preparing MLs for Success in Tier 1 Instruction Using Authentic Podcast and Video Lessons</b> Matt Pini Listenwise		<b>Southwest &amp; Southeast Arkansas Meet Up</b> Tracy Criss ARKTESOL
<b>Intentional Planning to Increase Visible Thinking and Engagement</b> Marline Vernon & Mindy Lucas Springdale School District		<b>Beyond the ESL Classroom: Tools for Every Teacher to Support English Learners</b> Courtney Bogle & Betsy Wright Springdale School District		<b>States Other than Arkansas Meet Up</b> Judy Hobson
	<b>75 Min Workshop: Teaching, Learning, and Leading in Morocco: A Fellow's Perspective</b> Anna Fulmer Retired Public School Administrator			
<b>Being a Language Sherpa: Guiding your MLs towards Speaking and Writing Mastery</b> Seth Sharp & Ann Lowe Flashlight Learning		<b>Advancing Multilingual Learner Success Through High Quality Instruction</b> Diana Camarillo & Maria O'Connell Little Rock School District		



# FRIDAY

# 2025 SETESOL

**24 OCTOBER 2025**

07:30 AM - 05:00 PM

**STATEHOUSE  
CONVENTION CENTER**

Little Rock, Arkansas

**7:30 AM**

Registration and Exhibitions Open

**8:30 AM**

**Keynote Address**  
Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld

**10:15 AM**

**Breakout Session 4:**  
Presentations

**11:30 AM**

**Celebrating Our Impact**  
Ticketed Lunch Option

**1:15 PM**

**Breakout Session 5:**  
Workshops & Presentations

**2:15 PM**

**Roundtable Discussions:**  
Hot Topics in TESOL

**3:00 PM**

**Breakout Session 6:**  
Presentations

**4:00 PM**

**ARKTESOL Annual Business Meeting**

	<b>Keynote</b> <b>(Wally Allen Ballroom D)</b> <b>8:30 to 10:00</b>	<b>Breakout 4</b> <b>10:15 to 11:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> <b>11:30 to 1:00</b>
<b>Wally Allen Ballroom D</b>	<b>Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld, "Transformational Collaboration for Multilingual Learners"</b>	<b>Arkansas ESOL Updates 2025-2026</b> Maria Touchstone Arkansas DESE	<b>Ticketed Lunch:</b> <b>Celebrating Our Impact</b>
<b>Wally Allen Ballroom A</b>		<b>Linguistic Resources and Classroom Conditions for Translanguaging in a Newly Expanding Language Policy Context</b> Dr. Alissa Blair & Dr. Vicki Collet University of Arkansas	
<b>Wally Allen Ballroom B</b>		<b>From Hello to ¡Hola!: Our District's Successful System Communicating with Spanish-Speaking Families</b> Jana Catlett Bryant Public Schools	
<b>Wally Allen Ballroom C</b>		<b>Beyond the ESL Classroom: Tools for Every Teacher to Support English Learners</b> Courtney Bogle & Betsy Wright Springdale School District	
<b>Wally Allen Ballroom E</b>		<b>The Joyful Journey: Cultivating Meaning and Motivation in Education</b> Anna Fulmer Retired Public School Administrator	
<b>Choctaw</b>		<b>A Strategic Understanding of the Arkansas School Report Card</b> William Bell Arkadelphia Public Schools	
<b>Drew</b>		<b>Integrating the Arts: Creative Approaches to Teaching English as a Second Language</b> Tracy Penland North Little Rock School District	
<b>Yell 1</b>		<b>Positive Impacts of Integrating Humor into Multicultural Classrooms</b> Dr. Regina St. John Arkansas Tech University	
<b>Yell 2</b>		<b>Celebrating Bilingualism with the Two Languages Club</b> Clifford Abell Pulaski County Special School District	



Breakout 5 Workshops 1:15 to 2:30	Breakout 5 1:15 to 2:00	Roundtable Discussions 2:15 to 3:00	Breakout 6 Workshop 2:30 to 3:45	Breakout 6 3:00 to 3:45
<b>75 min Workshop: Implementing Formative Assessment Throughout the Lesson Cycle- A Lifeline for Educators Working with EL/MLs.</b> Dr. Jobi Lawrence UCLA CRESST				
	<b>Bridging the Language Gap: Engaging Bilingual Families in Real-Time</b> Pamela Smith & Beatriz Varela Little Rock School District	<b>Reading Intervention Plans for K-3 English Learners</b> facilitated by Christen Graham ARKTESOL VP1		<b>Empowering Students by Leveraging Strengths to Meet Grade Level Standards</b> Kim Russell & Marline Vernon Springdale School District
<b>75 min Workshop: Building Bridges: Effective Strategies for Supporting ESOL Students in K-8 Classrooms</b> Amy Jordan & Tracy Trumble Pulaski County Special School District & North Little Rock School District				<b>Language Builds Bridges: Connecting Multiple Departments to Align Language Support</b> Dr. Carrie Bradow & Jaime Miller Springdale School District
<b>75 min Workshop: Strategies That Work for Struggling and Newcomer Writers</b> Jose Torres Baltimore City Public Schools				<b>Assessment to Action: Screener and Summative Results</b> Dr. Alan Lytle & Maria Touchstone Arkansas DESE
	<b>Unlocking Language Mastery: Effective Strategies for Teaching Vocabulary and Grammar</b> Shondra Farris Turner & Christie Bray Little Rock School District	<b>AI Tools for ESOL Educators</b> facilitated by Melissa Bratton ARKTESOL VP2		<b>Leveraging Technology for Student Documentation and Data Requirements</b> Rebecca Camp Mountain Home School District
	<b>Beyond Professional Development and Coaching: Embedded Linguistic Support for ALL Academic Language Learners</b> Marline Vernon, Kim Russell, & Mindy Lucas Springdale School District	<b>ELD for Experienced Multilinguals</b> facilitated by Courtney Bogle ARKTESOL Communications		<b>Beyond the Summative Assessment: Selecting an Effective Interim ELP Assessment</b> Ellen Parkhurst & Suzanne Johar Wisconsin Center for Education Products and Services (WCEPS)
	<b>Tech Tools for Engagement: What's Worked in My First Year</b> Rachel Gerner Northwest Arkansas Community College			<b>75 min. Workshop: Academic Language for All</b> Elizabeth Macias & Dr. Raquel Núñez E.L. Achieve
	<b>Yo Necesito...Fostering Self-Advocacy in Newcomers.</b> Shawna Shields, Susan Moreno, & Karla Buchholz Rogers Public Schools	<b>Serving New-to-English Students in Secondary Schools</b> facilitated by Tracy Criss ARKTESOL SW Representative		<b>America 250 for Language Instruction Education Programs</b> Aida Kuettle , Dr. Dru Davison, & Michelle Flournoy Crystal Bridges Museum
	<b>Being a Language Sherpa: Guiding your MLs towards Speaking and Writing Mastery</b> Seth Sharp & Ann Lowe Flashlight Learning	<b>Beginning ESOL Coordinators</b> facilitated by Tracy Leone ARKTESOL Secretary		<b>BOOSTING STUDENT INTERACTION, LANGUAGE PROTOCOLS &amp; ACADEMIC DISCOURSE</b>



# SATURDAY

# 2025 SETESOL

25 OCTOBER 2025

07:30 AM - 01:00 PM

STATEHOUSE  
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Little Rock, Arkansas

7:30 AM

Registration and Exhibitions Open

8:30 AM

Breakout Session 7:  
Workshop & Presentations

9:30 AM

Breakout Session 8:  
Presentations

10:30 AM

Breakout Session 9:  
Presentations & Roundtable Discussions

11:30 AM

Panel Discussion & Closing Assembly

1:00 PM

Exhibitions Close



Saturday, October 25								
	Breakout 7		Breakout 8		Breakout 9: Workshop	Breakout 9	Panel Discussion (Wally Allen Ballroom D)	
	8:30 to 9:15		9:30 to 10:15		10:00 to 11:15		10:30 to 11:15	11:30 to 1:00
Wally Allen Ballroom A (90)	75 min Workshop: Back to Basics: Strengthening Language Practice Without Technology				75 min. Workshop (10:00-11:15) Bilingual Dual Immersion Roundtable: Looking to the Future in Arkansas			Panel Discussion, "A Call to Action: Advocating for Multilingual Learners and Their Families"
	Anna Fulmer				Mireya Reith & Dr. Alissa Blair			
	Retired Public School Administrator				Group 663			
Wally Allen Ballroom B (90)	The Power of Two: LRSD's Bilingual & Dual Language Legacy		Engagement Strategies at Work: Celebration of Community		Advancing Multilingual Learner Success Through High Quality Instruction			
	Dr. Xee Yang Little Rock School District		Marsha Layer		Diana Camarillo & Maria O'Connell Little Rock School District			
Wally Allen Ballroom C (72)	Research and Resources Supporting Newcomer through Longterm ELL Students		Arkansas ESOL Updates 2025-2026		Yo Necesito...Fostering Self-Advocacy in Newcomers.			
	Wayne Eichen Savvas Learning Company		Maria Touchstone, DESE		Rogers Public Schools			
Wally Allen Ballroom E (72)	Implementing Effective Strategies to Help Our English Language Learners Grow		Positive Impacts of Integrating Humor into Multicultural Classrooms					
	Maria O'Connell & Ivan Pereira Little Rock School District		rstjohn@atu.edu					
Drew (90)	The Online Driver's License Study Guide as Extensive Reading		Celebrating Bilingualism with the Two Languages Club					
	Amanda Bruce		Clifford Abell					
	University of Central Arkansas		Pulaski County Special School District					