



MID-WEST RBERN WEEKLY NOTES

*A weekly roundup of news and information from the
Mid-West Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network*

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RBERN Current PD Offerings

- **STARTS SOON!** [World Languages Leadership Forum](#) – 1/17
- [Charter School Collegial Circle](#) – 1/28
- [New to NYSESLAT Training](#) – 3/21

I am entitled to ELL Testing Accommodations

My name is _____

My home language is _____

*Check all that apply

- Test in Home Language (all except ELA)
*Student may have both the English and Home Language versions test but they should record their answers in and submit only one test book. Students may record answers in the home language on all exams except EA.
- Oral Translation of Test (all except ELA)
- Written Responses in Home Language (all except ELA)
- Bilingual Dictionaries/Glossaries (1:1 translations of words only, no definitions)
- Separate Location
- Extended Time

Questions? Contact: _____

RESOURCE: Testing Accommodations Card

With January Regents exams approaching, this is a good time to remind your high school ELLs about their allowed NYS testing accommodations. Feel free to download, use and share the attached card that was created by RBERN's Advocacy Group.



REMINDER: NYS Seal of Biliteracy District Notification Forms Due to NYSED

In January of each year, a district must inform the NYS Education Department of its intent to establish a Seal of Biliteracy program in its school(s). If your school or district is planning to award the Seal of Biliteracy and have not yet submitted the notification form, please complete this as soon as possible. You can find access the form here: <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/bilingual-ed/district-nyssb-notification-form-2018-19docx.docx>



New York State Teachers of English
to Speakers of Other Languages

FROM NYSTESOL: Fall 2018 issue of Idiom- now available and online!

Idiom is the quarterly, professional publication of NYS TESOL that focuses on a theme of interest to ESOL professionals. Articles cover the job market, technology, assessment, and teaching ESOL in the content areas. Articles also include a broad spectrum of ESOL instruction, including elementary, secondary, and higher education, intensive English programs, adult education, and teacher training. Besides theme-based articles, Idiom features the following regular columns: Book Reviews, Tech Tools, Culture Notes and Promising Practices. View the Fall 2018 edition here:

<http://idiom.nystesol.org/Fall2018.html>



Community Post: Community Adult English Class with Optional Child Art Program in Webster

Adults looking to improve their English language skills are invited to this class, while he Pickled Paintbrush will provide an art program for participant's children. For more information, see the attached flyer, or visit: <https://www.thepickledpaintbrushny.com/>

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Our Goal at Mid-West RBERN:

The Mid-West Regional Bilingual Resource Network is part of the NYS Education Department's network of support for schools.

The goal of RBERN is to assist districts and schools in creating an educational environment for English Language Learners which engages everyone in meaningful teaching and learning.

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