

MID-WEST RBERN WEEKLY NOTES

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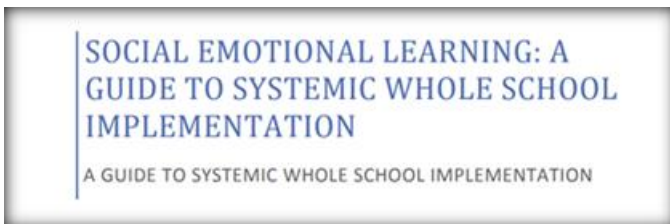
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From NYSED: Translated 2019 Parent Resources - Elementary/Intermediate Tests

The following documents are available in Chinese, Haitian Creole, Russian and Spanish:

- 2019 Grades 3-8 New York State Assessments: What Parents Need to Know
- 2019 Parents' Frequently Asked Questions About New York State's Annual Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests

Available on the Office of State Assessment Webpage: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ei/parent-resources-19.html#faq>



From NYSED: New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning Implementation

- [Social Emotional Learning: A Guide to Systemic Whole School Implementation](#) provides resources and tools to support districts, schools, and individual educators in their work to create schools that effectively prepare all students to succeed in school and in life.
- District-developed [content area crosswalk documents](#) provide examples of ways SEL can be incorporated in and aligned with subject area content to support State standards.
- These tools and resources build upon guidance and benchmarks released in May, including [New York State Social Emotional Learning Benchmarks](#) for voluntary implementation and [Social Emotional Learning: Essential for Learning, Essential for Life](#), a framework explaining SEL concepts
- Questions regarding this guidance should be directed to NYSED's Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090 or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.



Family Engagement Webinar Materials Available Online

The presentation, handouts, and recording from OELA's recent Family Engagement webinar are now available on the NCELA website. The webinar provides key research and strategies for fostering family engagement and ESSA requirements related to English learner family engagement. OELA leadership and staff also highlighted information about the recently released [EL Family Toolkit](#), including how school personnel can assist in increasing EL family engagement. To view the webinar and materials, visit: <https://www.ncela.ed.gov/webinars>



SURVEY: Instructional Practices for Teaching Phonics

Kathleen McGrath, Ph.D., an Associate Professor at Niagara University and currently the director of the Family Literacy Center, is conducting a survey as part of a study that examines instructional practices utilized by ESL teachers for teaching phonics. This survey is confidential. We encourage you to participate in studies that support the instruction of ELLs, however there is no obligation. To take the survey, visit: <https://baseline.campuslabs.com/nu/ipphonics>



RESOURCE: How Schools Can Create a Safe Environment for Muslim Students

Colorin Colorado provides a collection of resources and ideas to foster empathy and spark dialogue: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/teaching-ells/creating-welcoming-classroom/muslim-students>



Community Event: Latino Expressions Expo at the University of Rochester April 13th

Music, live performances, and free food! For more information, see the attached flyer, or visit: https://events.rochester.edu/event/latino_expressions#.XJueM5hKg2x



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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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