# Innovation Proposal: Newcomer Toolkits for Multilingual Students

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## **Proposed Innovation**

Our English Learner population is growing at Summit Academy Bluffdale and we anticipate seeing more growth as we are a new DLI Spanish school. We need better resources and materials to better serve this growing EL population. "Newcomer Toolkits" will be provided to each teacher and that teacher will be trained in how to implement these kits. This will help teachers with little notice of EL's arriving in their classroom as they will already have the toolkit and knowledge for support.

### **Purpose and Potential**

The data we have around our EL population shows that we have students struggling to meet their adequate progress targets. We want to improve our support and instruction so that they can show adequate growth. The materials proposed in this grant will help classes become better equipped for welcoming our newcomer EL students.

#### Courses Include

in-class, small group support and instruction, as 15 to 30 minutes of additional assistance during "flex time".

#### Student Outcomes

will be measured through formative assessments and annual WIDA data. Growth will also be tracked through RISE and Acadience tests.

### Funding

Grant funding will be used for the purchase of classroom and PD books, dictionaries, language cards, and EL-specific Wonders packs.

Under House Bill 386, Local Education Agencies can approve up to \$5,000 in grant funding for innovation programs. The innovation outlined here is one example that has been approved for implementation. Learn more at schools.utah.gov/ulead



