

Empowering Counselors to Support Multilingual English Learners

A Comprehensive Approach for Middle and High School Counselors



2026–2027 Virtual Series | 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

This series provides middle and high school counselors with opportunities to build their knowledge and explore practical strategies for supporting multilingual English learners (MELs) throughout their educational journeys. Grounded in the California EL Roadmap Policy, these modules provide practical, actionable insights to help counselors guide MELs towards academic, social, and career success.

Audience: Middle and high school counselors, support staff, and school and district administrators

Cost: \$125 per session or \$425 for all four sessions

Registration Link: cabe.k12oms.org/1524-287250



Series presented by Edith Cortes

Edith Cortes is a passionate school counselor with over 15 years of experience supporting students' academic, college/career, and social-emotional growth. She is deeply committed to creating equitable and inclusive school environments and empowering first-generation and multilingual families through meaningful connections and bilingual outreach.

Edith currently supports students at Newbury Park High School and has also contributed to her community as a former school district board member. She is dedicated to helping all students access opportunities and thrive.

Module 1:

Creating Inclusive Learning Environments

January 12, 2027

Module 2:

Fostering Multilingualism and Academic Excellence

January 26, 2027

Module 3:

Guiding Pathway to College and Career Readiness

February 9, 2027

Module 4:

Engaging Families and Communities

February 23, 2027

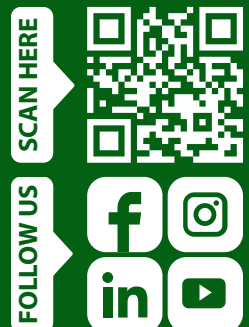
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Module 1: Creating Inclusive Learning Environments

- Essentials for welcoming and supporting MELs in middle and high schools
- Effective identification, placement, and welcoming practices for MELs
- Understanding MEL typologies and applying trauma-informed care to support student well-being



Module 2: Fostering Multilingualism and Academic Excellence

- Understanding the role of Designated ELD, reclassification, and language learning progression
- Scheduling strategies tailored for newcomers, migrant students, and MELs with varying needs
- Accessing resources and supports to promote student success



Module 3: Guiding Pathway to College and Career Readiness

- Supporting MELs in achieving the Seal of Biliteracy and navigating CTE Pathways
- Preparing students for AP exams, dual enrollment opportunities, and post-secondary success
- Providing tutoring, intervention supports, and guidance on financing higher education

Module 4: Engaging Families and Communities

- Building partnerships with families through culturally responsive communication
- Leveraging community cultural and wrap-around resources
- Engaging families in school committees like ELAC, DELAC, SSC, and LCAP to support student success

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