



2026 Summer Professional Development

Supporting English Language Learners in the Classroom

Date(s)	Thursday, July 16, 2026
Time	8:00-3:00 p.m., lunch provided
Location	Huron Intermediate School District Administrative Offices 1299 S. Thomas Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413
Cost	Includes materials, lunch, and refreshments \$30 for educators in Huron schools \$60 for out-of-county educators
Credit	6 State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) pending approval
Stipend	No Stipends are available from HISD for this session; contact your principal prior to registering to ask if a stipend is available from your district.
Presenter(s)	Katie Strand, HISD Literacy Coach, EL Coordinator
Audience	General and Special Education Teacher, Paraprofessionals, New Teachers
Description	<p>In this session, we will explore effective instructional strategies to support students who are learning English as an additional language. Participants will examine the five stages of second language acquisition and learn how to tailor instructional supports at each stage.</p> <p>We will dive into the power of nonlinguistic representations to reinforce vocabulary and conceptual understanding and explore how cooperative learning structures and intentional peer discourse can foster language development and student engagement.</p> <p>The day will conclude with a focused look at how to support English learners in core academic areas—English language arts, math, and science—emphasizing strategies to build confidence with academic vocabulary and the language conventions specific to each discipline.</p>
Registration	<p>Deadline to register is July 9, 2026.</p> <p>Register online at www.huronisd.org, Professional Development link.</p> <p>Checks payable to Huron ISD or pay online with a credit card.</p>
Questions	<p>Contact Amanda Sulkowski at (989) 269-6406 or asulkowski@huronisd.org with registration questions.</p> <p>Contact Katie Strand at kstrand@huronisd.org with questions regarding content.</p>

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