



## STATUS UPDATE

- Scholarship Cohort 2
  - 28 scholarship students
  - The cohort students are taking Methods in TESOL and Grammatical Analysis this FA25 semester.
  - TESOL Practicum will be offered during the SP26 semester.
- Mini Grant Projects
  - 51 projects approved to grow multiliteracy in Missouri schools
  - 39 Blueprints published on the website
  - Accepting applications for more mini grant projects
- TEAMS USA PD
  - Three Fall 2025 groups started



The Show Me Multiliteracy project is a National Professional Development (NPD) grant funded 100 percent by the U.S. Department of Education Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA).

## Mini Grant Projects

### Now Accepting Applications!

- Design a project to benefit English Learners and their families while promoting literacy and home language use in the school community
- Use up to \$1,300 in supplies
- Create a publishable blueprint to explain your process and demonstrate how the project was implemented to receive an additional \$800 stipend
- Connect with our team to brainstorm unique ideas
- Visit [www.multiliteracy.net](http://www.multiliteracy.net) to view completed blueprints and find the application



## Meet a member of our SMM Team -

### Heather LeCureux

#### TEAMS USA Facilitator

Serving as the facilitator for TEAMS USA school-based professional development has been a very rewarding experience. I have enjoyed watching this program change and evolve to better meet the needs of Missouri in-service teachers. While we are currently in our fourth cohort of teachers, each cohort has been a joy to work with.

One of my favorite parts of serving as facilitator for TEAMS USA is connecting educators with resources. Many of the books, videos, and articles provide “aha” moments for the educators, who can then share these ideas and resources with the rest of their staff to better support their EL students and families.

Similarly, it is a joy to be able to share ideas from one school-based team with other groups who are facing similar challenges. Each group becomes an example for future cohorts as I can share their goals and successes with others. I truly enjoy sharing my knowledge of how to best support EL students and families as well as learning from the many amazing administrators and teachers in this program.



## Mini Grant Spotlight



Nicole Jones, a teacher at Alvin Brooks Middle School in Hickman Mills C1 School District in Kansas City, carried out a mini grant project for her middle school students, "Multilingual Language Games: Creating a Board Game Lending Library to Support Multilingualism in the Home." Jones created the board game lending library to support her students and families' vocabulary development in both their L1 and English. She hopes that playing games together will promote families sharing their funds of knowledge and remind caregivers that they play a vital component in their child's education.



**Conferences | 2025-2026**

We will be showcasing our project at these upcoming conferences. If you're planning to attend any of them, we would love to connect with you during the event.

MIDTESOL | October 2025

FLAM | October 2025

TESOL | March 2026

**Mini Grant Workshops | FA25**

Come discuss ideas for your proposal.

- Monday, September 15 | 4:00 pm
- Monday, October 13 | 4:00 pm
- Monday, November 17 | 4:00 pm
- Monday, December 8 | 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID : 955 088 6502  
Passcode : Teachers

Learn more and ask your questions!

**Our Partner Districts**



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**TEAMS USA**

PD Program Teaching English and Academics to Multilingual Students Using Strengths-Based Approaches

Our Fall 2025 TEAMS USA cohort includes 2 elementary schools from Fort Zumwalt School District and 1 elementary school from Wentzville School District



We launched Cohort 4 of TEAMS USA with three new schools this school year. The participants just wrapped up a module on getting to know their ML students and families. School-based teams have created goals in this area, including parent surveys and finding ways to engage other educators in their building to learn more about their students' languages and cultures.

The next module will focus on creating a welcoming school climate for all learners. Groups have already discussed what they currently do to support EL students and families. Utilizing texts, ideas from a guest speaker and videos, the groups will begin creating and carrying out goals on this topic. It's amazing what a group of dedicated teachers can accomplish with time and resources!



**Start TEAMS USA at your school!  
2026-2027 school year**

- Collaborate and explore resources to establish goals and improve engagement for English Learners and their families in your school
- Find a school team of 3-5 educators including an administrator and/or an ELL specialist
- Meet with a facilitator 3 hours/month
- Earn up to \$1,200 stipend for each participant
- Enroll your team by sending a message which includes your team members' names, positions, and contact info to: [showmemultiliteracy@missouristate.edu](mailto:showmemultiliteracy@missouristate.edu)

We would love to hear how you share students' languages and home cultures in your school! Send us a picture and share your story with us by email or on facebook.

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