

Benchmarks 2.0: Introduction to the Alberta K–12 English as an Additional Language (EAL) Proficiency Benchmarks - 2 Part Series

Facilitator(s):	Lynn Farrugia
Date(s):	<i>This is a multi-day event.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: Oct 28, 2024 (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm) • Day 2: Nov 04, 2024 (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm)
Cost:	
Location:	Virtual
Session Code:	25-LL-268

Target Audience

English as a Second Language Teachers, School-based Administrators, District Leaders/Consultants, instructional Coaches

About this Learning Opportunity

The workshop includes EAL foundational knowledge, sharing of recommended resources and some high impact strategies to support your EAL students.

We will explore the:

Part 1:

- Differences between Benchmarks 2.0 and Benchmarks 1.0
- New 8 level proficiency scales

Part 2:

- 3 required competencies (Vocabulary, Sentence Structure and Cohesive Devices) for annual assessment
- Benchmarking Writing sample

About the Facilitator(s)

Lynn Farrugia

Lynn Farrugia is a newly retired educator with over 35 years of experience teaching Kindergarten to Adult Education with the majority of her years with elementary school aged students. She recently served as the Program Coordinator and as a consultant of English as an Additional Language for the Edmonton Public School Board for twelve years. Her passion for working with English as an Additional Language (EAL) Learners began with her time at an inner city school where well over 80% of her students spoke a language other than English and most of those students were newcomers to Canada. One year she was the only person in the classroom who spoke only one language! In fact there were nine different languages spoken in that class.

Lynn is one of the Principal writers of: Working with Karen Immigrant Students: Teacher Resources and was a contributor to Promoting Success with Arab Immigrant Students: Teacher Resources both published by the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation.

When Lynn is not advocating for the needs of EAL Learners she can be found reading or cuddling with her rescue beagle Elliott!

Other areas of experience and interest include: culturally relevant practices, early childhood education and multicultural/diverse children's literature.