

# Multilingual Learner (ML) Programs



SMUHSD educators attended the CalNEW learning day "Understanding & Supporting Newcomers at School."

**Professional Learning** - Educators have participated in a wide range of professional learning experiences and collaborative workdays, furthering the District's commitment to meaningful access and best practices for multilingual learner (ML) students.

**Family Engagement Coordinators** supported hundreds of families with the required Data Confirmation process in July and supported families with an array of needs and to connect them with District and community resources. Family Engagement Coordinators were instrumental in scheduling families for the Medi-Cal clinics hosted at Bridge Academy, San Mateo High School, Hillsdale High School and Capuchino High School.



**MLP School Social Workers** continue to build partnerships with our community-based organizations to provide services and support to our ML students and families with quarterly Community Network Meetings at different hosting sites by our partners. MLP continues to partner with allcove San Mateo, Faith In Action Bay Area, El Centro de Libertad and CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) and Kara Grief Support. Medi-Cal HSA will continue to offer clinics where families can work directly with Medi-Cal representatives to complete their applications, and connect families to CalFresh. SMUHSD has assisted over 65 families to either submit a new or re-new their Medi-Cal applications.



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Multilingual Learner Summer School took place at Peninsula High School.

## ML Intake and College Access

- At the end of April, nearly 100 Newcomer students participated in the first District-wide 12th grade Newcomer field trip in SMUHSD to the College of San Mateo (CSM). The goal of this experience is to provide students with a firsthand look at college life, learn more about the ESL program, and introduce them to key campus resources that will support their transition to higher education.
- On March 23, 40 incoming 9th-grade newcomer students participated in a transition experience hosted by the SMUHSD Multilingual Learner Program teams. Representing middle schools across the San Mateo-Foster City School District, students from Abbott Middle School, Borel Middle School, Bowditch Middle School, and Bayside Academy spent the day exploring both San Mateo High School and Hillsdale High School.
- A New ML Intake process was implemented this year and 224 8<sup>th</sup> graders across all partner middle schools and some private schools were assessed and interviewed by the ML Program team, ensuring more accurate placement for 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

**ML Summer School** took place on the Peninsula High School campus in Burlingame from June 3 - July 2 and offered 124 students the chance to strengthen their English language skills, improve grades and obtain new academic credits.

**Supporting Newcomers** - The Multilingual Learner (ML) Newcomer Intake Counselor conducted training with College and Career Advisors to discuss Newcomer college access needs, review data per school site and discuss best practices in supporting newcomers' college pathways. A new Newcomer English course is offered at two sites and is specifically designed for students with limited or interrupted formal education (SLIFE). Newcomer English focuses on developing foundational literacy, English language proficiency, and academic skills through explicit, scaffolded instruction in a small-group setting.

