2024 Immigrant Student Success Conference Toolkit

Strategies and Tools for PreK-12 and Adult Educators

Four Things Teachers Can Do

1 Advocate for and support your students

Know your students' rights

- Watch Diana I. Santiago, Esq. explain the legal obligations schools have for immigrant students with disabilities (Massachusetts Advocates for Children)
- Browse Resources to Support Immigrant and Migrant Students Experiencing Homelessness (SchoolHouse Connection)

Encourage all educators to learn how to discuss mental health with students

Review the Immigrant Trauma and Mental Health section of The ILC Educator Resource Hub (The Immigrant Learning Center)

3 Educate your students about immigration

Don't overlook the significance of specific and accurate data

Access and request immigration fact sheets about your area (The Institute for Immigration Research)

Learn about a variety of different cultures

- Browse a hub of open educational resources on ethnic studies, including texts, primary sources and courses on a variety of topics (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges)
- Use this resource roundup for teaching about South Asian Immigration in grades 4 −12 (The Immigrant Learning Center)

2 Foster a community where students feel they belong

Tailor your instruction to your students' strengths and needs

Consider utilizing asset-based pedagogies and differentiated instruction in displacement settings (Childhood Education International)

Encourage connections between students

Watch Meisha Lamb-Bell discuss how to help students overcome isolation (Re-Imagining Migration)

Get to know your students

Read Jessica Lander's article about creating opportunities for students to share their stories (Ellevation)

4 Utilize technology in the classroom

Teach students the necessity of digital literacy

- Examine Closing the Digital Skill Divide, a study focusing on the need for digital literacy in the current U.S. labor market (National Skills Coalition)
- Integrate digital literacy assessments and online learning (NorthStar)

Create lesson plans that harness artificial intelligence

Al tools that prompt users with questions about their ideas instead of giving them direct answers (Debate Devil)