

Language & Immigration

THIS ROWAN PROF...

- Opposes English-only policies
- Normalizes multilingualism
- Asserts that no human being is illegal
- Fosters multiculturalism & sees it as vital to a democratic society

URGENT ISSUES

- ✓ A recent report found that students labeled English Learners (ELs) in NJ were not equitably served during the pandemic.
- ✓ The U.S. & NJ in particular are experiencing teacher shortages in the fields of ESL and bilingual education.
- ✓ Despite NJ's status as a sanctuary state, there is still anti-immigration sentiment and misinformation about migrants



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DID YOU KNOW...

- As of 2020, 7% of all students in NJ were designated as English Learners (ELs).
- In the US, most students designated as ELs are U.S. citizens/U.S.-born.
- There is a comprehensive [New Jersey Bilingual Code](#) that guides districts and schools on how to best educate students labeled ELs.
- Research shows that students learn best when they are able to draw on all their languages and meaning-making resources at all times.

READ UP

- [Colorín Colorado](#) provides resources for working with multilingual students and their families.
- NJ TESOL-BE, the largest professional organization for teachers of multilingual learners in NJ, offers a webpage of [advocacy issues/resources](#).
- [CUNY-NYSIEB](#) offers research-based resources from videos to instructional guides for utilizing students' home and additional languages throughout their learning.



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