

The 6 Principles for Exemplary Teaching of English Learners: Grades K-12

Discussion Questions for Chapter 1 - A Vision for Exemplary English Language Teaching

1. Consider the reasons listed for disseminating the 6 Principles in the United States. Which are most relevant to your teaching situation or school and district? What are some steps that have been taken locally or at your state level to address some of these concerns?
2. If you are not working in the U.S. system, what might be some reasons that the 6 Principles are relevant for you and your schools?
3. Is the English curriculum offered to students in your setting rigorous and oriented to 21st century skills? Explain your position. If it is not, how might it be revised or expanded?
4. In TESOL's vision of effective education, all teachers take responsibility for teaching English learners and helping them succeed in school. Do all educators you work with share this responsibility and hold high expectations for students learning English as a new language?
5. What is your school or program doing to promote multilingualism and multiculturalism and to prepare students to become global citizens? Discuss some concrete steps to meet these goals.
6. Review all of TESOL's vision statements. Which one resonates with you most deeply? Share your thoughts with colleagues.