

CASDA EdTalks

CASDA's first podcast episode takes a look at teaching and learning with ELLs

The aim of CASDA's EdTalks podcast is to explore issues and ideas in K-12 education, and speak with teachers and administrators about their experiences serving the needs of students in our region. In the first episode, CASDA spoke with Kurt Hassenpflug, ENL teacher at Shaker High School, about his experiences teaching English Language Learners.

 **Download the podcast here or by visiting www.casdany.org/podcast.**

A teacher's day is busy. Finding time to scour the Internet for resources is typically not an option, especially when it can be hard to find up-to-date materials and content regarding current best practices and regulations for teaching ELLs. However, this is a tremendously important task because, often, as teachers of ELLs you are not only responsible for your professional growth, but collaborating with colleagues as well. With that in mind, Hassenpflug shared a few resources that he frequently utilizes in the course of his instruction and other professional obligations.

- **Colorin Colorado** - A go-to for all things ENL related. It has great resources for educators, as well as for families of ELLs.
- **Integrated English as a New Language (ENL) Resources from NYSED** - When Hassenpflug needs to read up on regulations or prepare for an intake meeting, this is always his first stop.
- **NYU/Steinhardt Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools** - This site has a great collection of materials and resources such as bilingual glossaries and guides for educators of ELLs.

Keep the conversation going by heading to www.casdany.org/forum and joining our **EdTalk Exchange**. Sign up with your email and create a password, then post comments and discuss topics relevant to you with your peers.

"As an ENL teacher, your primary role is to be an advocate for your students."

- Kurt Hassenpflug
ENL Teacher
Shaker High School

