

ELL Tips for Art Teachers

Support your English Language Learners (ELLs) with these tips!



Welcoming Students

Welcome students with smiles and friendly greetings. Invite students to share art from their cultures, as well as their artistic interests.



Learning Students' Names

Learn to say and write students' names correctly. Refrain from using nicknames or making comments about students' names.



Clear Instructions

Give students clear step-by-step instructions for assignments. Support understanding with written directions, visuals, or translation.



Hands-On Learning

Engage students with visuals and project-based learning. In addition, display student artwork in hallways, student art shows, and public events.



Academic Language

Teach key vocabulary (**primary**), and use sentence frames to model phrases students need to use: "___ is a ___ color." (**Blue** is a **primary** color.)



Art in the Community

Bring art to life by taking field trips, bringing in guest speakers, sharing online museum exhibits, or doing art projects in the school or outside.

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