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Bilingualism for All Students through Two-Way Immersion

Saturday, February 10, 2007, Bate 1031 (Time TBA on the conference site)

This presentation provides an overview of two-way immersion, synthesized from research conducted by the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), including extensive information collected from programs around the country. Two-way immersion education is a challenging model to implement well because it involves providing instruction in two languages to integrated groups of students. Among the issues to be examined are: goals of two-way immersion, key components of effective programs, and issues in design and implementation. Findings from a national research project will be presented, along with information about resources that are currently available.

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Charting a Path to Bilingualism for Our Students

Friday, February 9, 2007 3-4:30 pm, Bate 1026

In the United States, two language-related issues receive substantial popular attention. On the one hand, the U.S. lacks the language resources (in languages other than English) to meet its diplomatic, economic, security, and social goals. On the other, students in U.S. schools are increasingly diverse, and their home languages are not usually viewed as resources to be developed. A unified response to their issues can be found in creating pathways for individual students to follow through the educational system that lead them to bilingualism. In this presentation, the characteristics of such paths are discussed, along with policies and practices that support their creation.



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