

Tantasqua Regional School District
Professional Development Institute
15 PDPs

MELA-O TRAINING

Massachusetts English Language Assessment – Oral Category 3 of Sheltered English Immersion

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

OR

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

3:30-7:00 PM

Tantasqua Regional High School Wilson Library/Media Center

Presented by Nancy Sawyer, DESE Qualified MELA-O Trainer

This training will prepare participants to take the qualifying test for administering the assessment used to evaluate the English speaking (production) and listening (comprehension) skills of ELL students (English Language Learners), formerly referred to as limited English proficient (LEP) students. The MELA-O is administered by observing students performing academic and social skills in the classroom over a period of time.

The MELA-O is aligned to the speaking and listening skills in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's *English Language Proficiency Benchmarks and Outcomes for English Language Learners*.

Participants will learn:

- The five domains of language: semantics, syntax, phonology, morphology, pragmatics.
- The multiple dimensions of oral proficiency: comprehension, production, fluency, vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar.
- Use of the MELA-O Matrix, a 6-point scale used as part of the state's English language proficiency assessment.

Please contact Betsy Krantz to register for either session. krantz@tantasqua.org