

U.S. Federal Policy and the ELT Field

2025 into 2026

(and a peek at state policy)

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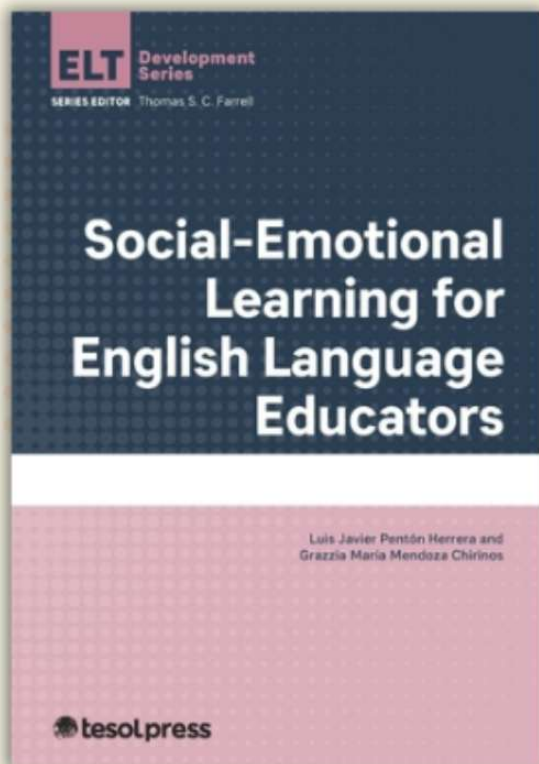
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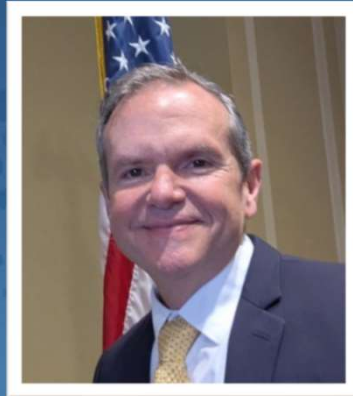


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TESOL International Association

U.S. Federal Policy and the ELT Field

- **2025 Year in Review**
- **2026 What to Expect**
- **Taking Action in support
of educators, learners,
families, communities**



2025 Year in Review: Shift in Federal Focus

- Civil Rights
- U.S. Department of Education
- Educational and Cultural Affairs
- Visas and Travel Bans
- Funding and Appropriations
- Professional Development
- Family Engagement
- Language Access
- Loss of Soft Diplomacy
- Educational Disruption
- Teacher recruitment and retention

Rolling into 2026

PreK-12

- Appropriations
- Civil Rights and Immigration

Adult

- Appropriations
- Workforce Development

Higher Ed

- Shift in Student Destinations
- Institutional Support and Sustainability

Profession

- Professional Learning and Support
- Impact on Loans



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Resources and Action

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FY26 Appropriations

Contact Members of Congress Now to
Support Funding for the ELT Field,
MLEs, Families, and Schools



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Learn how to turn group work into meaningful learning for younger students with three practical scaffolding strategies that support collaboration, language use, and active participation.

Author: Annita Stell

12 Jan 2026

Primary/Elementary Ed Classroom Management
Annita Stell



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