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Implementing ESL In A Covid World

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Ventura Adult and Continuing Education

- Located in the city of Ventura, approximately 60 miles North of Los Angeles.
- Serves approximately 3,000 students a year.
- One of only 11 adult schools in California whose CTE programs are accredited by the Council on Occupational Education





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VACE's English as a Second Language program:

- Six instructors serve approximately 500 students a year.
- Adopted Burlington English in 2014
- Piloted Burlington Core 2019-20





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Pre-Covid Instruction:

- 3-hour sessions, morning and evening
- 2 hours of BE In-class Lessons using smartboards
- 1 hour BE Student Lesson practice using laptops in class.
- BE worksheets printed and bound as student workbooks
- All teachers used WhatsApp regularly to communicate with students





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“Challenges into Practice”

Kamala Harris, August 19, 2020



**ESL in a
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- On March 16, VACE’s ESL transitioned to distance learning, using Zoom, Google Classroom, WhatsApp and Burlington English, maintaining 51% of pre-COVID-19 participation through the remainder of the school year.



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Initial Covid Instruction:

- Initial contact and instruction via WhatsApp
- Distributed laptops to students
- Gradual transition to Zoom lessons
- Participating Zoom students encouraged others to join
- Maintained pre-Covid schedule of morning and evening classes, but shorter class duration
- Teachers recorded both in-class and independent BE attendance
- Two classes completed Census COAAP including remote assessment.

2020-21 Recruitment and Enrollment:

- Promoted ESL on social media with flyer giving a phone number to call to leave student name and phone number
- Distributed flyer to AJCC WIOA partners
- Teacher outreach to all previous and new students by phone, text and WhatsApp
- Fillable PDF enrollment form with WIOA-required demographic data completed by student or teacher
- Zoom meeting to complete enrollment form and CASAS pre-test
- BE teacher support created BE accounts and assigned to classes

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2020-21 Orientation:

- Zoom orientation including a shared document with links to:
- Zoom intro PPT
- BE tutorial and videos



VACE Clases Virtuales

Formacion de Zoom:
[Diapositiva de PowerPoint](#)

Diapositiva 1:
 -como silenciar / reactivar
 -como encender y apagar video

Diapositiva 2:
 -como chatear

Cuando vea las "palabras azules", significa que es un enlace a un video o diapositiva de PowerPoint.

Cómo acceder a Burlington

1. ¿Sabe su nombre de usuario y contraseña?
2. ¿Qué tipo de dispositivo usará?
3. Un video sobre cómo iniciar sesión desde laptop, computadora, o Chromebook:
 - [laptop, computadora, o Chromebook](#)
4. Un video sobre cómo iniciar sesión desde movil o tableta:
 - [movil o tableta](#)

Cómo unirse a sus clases virtuales

1. Un video sobre cómo unirse a sus clases virtuales: [Clases Virtuales](#)
2. También una guía sobre cómo unirse a las clases virtuales: [Guía para unirse](#)

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Burlington English as an LMS:

- BE reports provide in-depth data on student attendance and progress
- The BE Virtual Scheduler is used for announcements, links to Zoom lessons, and links to documents in Google Drive



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BurlingtonEnglish Virtual Class Scheduler

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the BurlingtonEnglish website interface, illustrating the virtual class scheduler and lesson content.

Left Screenshot (Class Announcements): Shows the 'BurlingtonEnglish' logo and 'THE PUBLISHER THAT CARES' tagline. Below, under 'Virtual Class Announcements', is a 'Welcome!' message: 'Welcome to our Intermediate ESL class! [Click here to see the course syllabus.](#) Created by: Teacher 03'. Below this is an 'Assignment for Monday August 24th' with the text: 'Hi Class! Please complete Burlington Core Low Intermediate, Module 1, Lesson 1 Student Lesson. [You can click here to go to the Student Lesson.](#) Created by: Teacher 03'. A 'CLOSE' button is visible at the bottom right.

Middle Screenshot (Lesson Topics A): Shows the 'Lesson Topics A' page for the 'Intermediate English Morning Class' by Michael Chilton, Ventura Adult and Continuing Education. It includes the VACE logo and states: 'Every week we will practice English: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Every month we will study grammar and topics important for life in the United States.'

Right Screenshot (Lesson Activity): Shows a lesson activity titled 'Burlington Core Low Intermediate: 1. Personal Information: 1. Listen & Speak: Talking to Neighbors'. It features a video of two women, Hazel and Sofia, and a listening comprehension exercise with multiple-choice questions.



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August 24: Covid Instruction MkII

- Morning and Evening sessions Mon-Thursday with the option for students to attend both
- 2 hour BE In Class Lessons via Zoom
- Daily BE Student Lesson assignments as “homework”
- BE worksheets printed and bound as Student Book
- Teachers have 1 hour daily for individual student assistance
- Friday lab session for student assistance



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The Challenge of Remote CASAS Testing:

- Instructors whose classes were discontinued due to Covid redeployed as Remote Academic Testers – The RAT Pack
- ESL instructors also conduct remote testing
- Following CASAS remote testing guidelines and procedures
- Began with one-on-one, gradually introduced multiple testing
- Since 11/02/20, parking lot testing 5 hours a day, 4 days a week





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Administering COAAPs Remotely:

- Instructors utilize Zoom breakout rooms
- Oral tasks one-on-one
- Written tasks observed and documents emailed
- Some instructors using Google classroom



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End of First Quarter:

- 184 students with 12+ hours, 60% of same period last year
- 87% of enrolled ESL students with 12 hours pre-tested and 62% post-tested, 58% with EFLs
- 74 students have completed COAAPs, 55% of last year



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