



CAPITAL DISTRICT REGION

RBERN

REGIONAL BILINGUAL EDUCATION RESOURCE NETWORK

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The Mission of the RBERNs is to develop and strengthen the skills, knowledge, and competencies of educators, parents and local communities; provide technical assistance, professional development, and resource materials to support academic achievement of ELLs; and support NYSED's commitment to higher standards for all students.

SERVICE RECIPIENTS

149 **SCHOOL DISTRICTS &
8 CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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BOCES: Questar III, Capital Region, Champlain Valley, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton, Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery, Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego, St. Lawrence-Lewis, Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex



POPULATION

5,390 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELLs)
IN NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK STATE**

TOP 5 **LANGUAGES SPOKEN:**
Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Bengali

OUR SERVICES

- ☐ Professional development: ENL and Dual Language Programming
- ☐ Job-embedded coaching and mentoring
- ☐ Technical assistance: State and federal laws, guidance, and policies
- ☐ Seal of Biliteracy implementation and MTTS guidance
- ☐ World Language standards integration support
- ☐ PR/HYLI support and student training

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