

## English Learners

English Language services are designed to help English Learners attain English language proficiency as quickly as possible so that he or she can participate effectively in classrooms in which English is the language of instruction. English Learners will also learn to navigate the cultural and social expectations of the educational system in the United States.

The goals of the ESL program are:

- To identify all students in the district whose home or native language is not English
- To assess any potential English Learner in listening, speaking, reading, and writing to determine the need for services to effectively participate in the district's educational program
- To provide effective instruction through services so that the student is able to fully participate in the district's educational program

The goals for each student receiving services as put forth in the State ELP Standard (English Language Proficiency Standards – ELPA):

- To use English to communicate in social settings
- To use English to achieve academically in all content areas
- To use English in socially and culturally appropriate ways Awareness and acceptance of culturally diverse students will be encouraged in the program.

Students from other countries are screened upon enrollment in the Reading Community City Schools. Students eligible for language services are provided support from a tutor. Services are provided in a small group or individually, based on the student's needs. The tutor also collaborates with the regular education teacher, provides resources to the teaching staff, and services as a liaison between the parents and the school.

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