



English Learners Program

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What is the English Learners Program?

The English Learners Program is a federal and state mandated program for students who speak English as their second language and still are learning English.

What is the goal of this program?

The goal for English learners is to develop fluency in English and achieve academic proficiency as rapidly and effectively as possible in an established English Language classroom through Structured English Immersion and a course of study with curriculum designed specifically to develop English language proficiency.

Who are English Learners?

Students are identified as potential English learners via the Home Language Survey (HLS) which is completed by the parent during the school registration process. The California English Language Development Test is given to students whose home language is not English in order to determine the student's level of English fluency. Students who have not yet met District criteria for English proficiency will be considered English learners.

How do EL students become Fluent English Proficient?

The District has established criteria that each student must meet. When an EL student achieves proficiency in all areas of English (listening, speaking, reading and writing) as well as academic proficiency comparable to an average native English-language speaker, the student is reclassified as Fluent English Proficient.

What type of parent participation is required?

Parents play a very important role in their children's education. In addition to monitoring their children's homework and making sure they attend school regularly, parents also need to be aware of the program for EL students and the services available to their children. Parents may participate in advisory committee meetings at their children's school site.

What are Bilingual Associates' role in this program?

Bilingual Teaching Associates are the bridge of communication between parents and school when English is a barrier for the parents. Bilingual Associates' responsibilities are to support EL students and their families as they navigate the school and classroom. They provide interpretation and translation support to parents and students to facilitate and enhance school-to-home communication.

How do I contact the EL Program?

Contact your school site principal for more information.