

English Language Learning

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It is an educational program for students who....

- are ages 3-21.
- who speak or are exposed to more than one language.
- need support in understanding English used in the classroom and by peers.



what do ELL/ESL/LEP/EL mean?

ELL stands for English Language Learning (Students)

ESL stands for English as a Second Language (Federal Law Term)

LEP stands for Limited English Proficiency

EL stands for English Learner

They are all different names for the same program.

How do we identify students?

- Utilization of a Home Language Survey through the enrollment process.
- If there is an indication of another language is spoken in the home or if there is evidence to suspect that a language other than English is spoken in the home, then we MUST screen.
 - Tool to Screen: WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) - measure the English language proficiency of students.
 - The results from W-APT determines eligibility



what are the 4 Language Domains?

- 1) **Listening:** understand oral language in English
 - a) Reacting to oral presentations, Responding to text read aloud, Following directions, and Cooperative group work
- 2) **Speaking:** use English to communicate orally
 - a) oral presentations, Informal social discourse with peers, formal discourse with peers and teachers, interactions with peers, and articulation of problem solving strategies
- 3) **Reading:** understand written language related to common topics in school
 - a) Independent & paired reading, reading response journals, literature circles, guided reading
- 4) **Writing:** Communicate in writing in English using language related to familiar topics in school
 - a) Journal writing for personal reflections, publishing and presenting, writing for literacy

what is the ESL Program?

- Certified Teacher in English as a Second Language
- Small group intervention (ESL Interventionist)
- Opportunities for tutoring and participation in language programs
- Continual progress monitoring
- Linguistic Accommodations (based on individual basis depending on the level of language proficiency)
 - various Dictionaries, oral Reading, Extra Time, Clarification in English, etc

what do our students work on in ELL?

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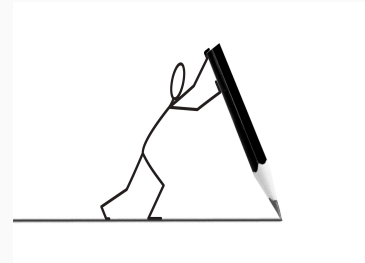
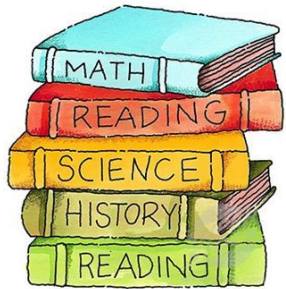
Reading, writing, Speaking and Listening

we cover:

ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies

Students work:

one-on-one, in partners, in small groups and use technology



what is the ACCESS Test?

It is a test given to all students who qualify for ELL services in January or February.



It assesses: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

All students from Kindergarten - 12th grade take it.

Results are available in May.

Students must achieve a **5.0 or higher** on a 6.0 point scale to exit ELL services.

Should students learn their home language?

YES!

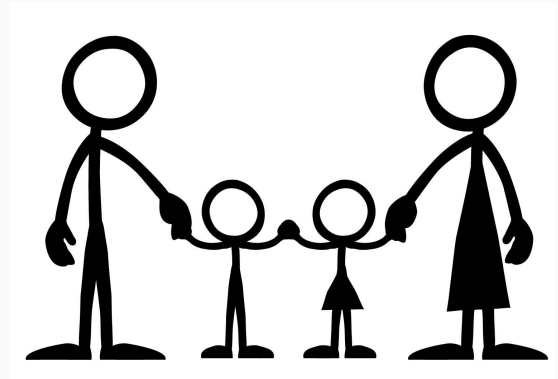
It is very valuable for children to learn more than one language. We encourage parents to teach their children to read, write, listen and speak their home language, as well as English.

How often do students receive ELL services?

Most students receive ELL services 150 minutes per week

How do we encourage parents to help their child?

- Read in both languages at home.
- Have the child write their name in both languages.
- Help with homework in any way they can.
- Communicate with their child's teacher
- Ask their child about his/her day.
- Come to school functions like open House, Activity Nights and PTC.



Fulton Public School ELL Data

	WAP-T Screening	Qualified	Total Eligible	Languages
2013-2014			7	Spanish Chinese
2014-2015			6	Spanish Chinese
2015-2016	5	3	7	Spanish Chinese
2016-2017	11	7	14	Spanish Chinese Kinyarwanda

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