



## What does ELL instruction look like?

- The classroom teacher will provide general support to ELL students.
- A few times a week, the ELL teacher will teach specific language instruction, so ELLs can learn academic language that they will use in their class.
- Most students receive ELL instruction in their classroom and **are not pulled out of class**. The teachers work together.
- Report cards will be sent home three times a year. The district website has translated report cards (Chinese, Spanish and Korean),

## Why does being in the ELL Program help your child succeed academically?

**“Researchers found that students who received focused second-language instruction made more than five times the gains of students who did not.”**

- Saunders and Goldenberg, from *Improving Education for English Learners: Research-based Approaches*, 2010, 2013

## How are our district ELL students doing?

Our ELL students are exiting the ELL program at some of the **highest** rates in Washington state. Our students show excellent growth in learning English and doing well in school.

## How do I get more information?

Please contact your school’s ELL teacher or call the ELL office at (425) 837-7093. You can request an interpreter.



**ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ELEMENTARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAM**

# ELL = English Language Learner

**Home Language Survey**

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of Public Instruction (OSPI)

is given to all students enrolling in Washington schools.

Grade:	Date:
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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All parents have the right to information about their child's education in a language they understand.

1. In what language(s) would your family prefer to communicate with the school?  
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2. What language did your child learn first?  
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3. What language does your child use the most at home?  
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## 1. When is a student tested for the ELL Program?

When a child enrolls in a Washington state school, parents fill out the **Home Language Survey**. (The Home Language Survey is available in other languages. Ask your school.)

**If #2 or #3 is a language other than English:**

- The student is given an English language **Placement Test**.
- It is a short test given by school staff. It tests listening, speaking, reading and writing.

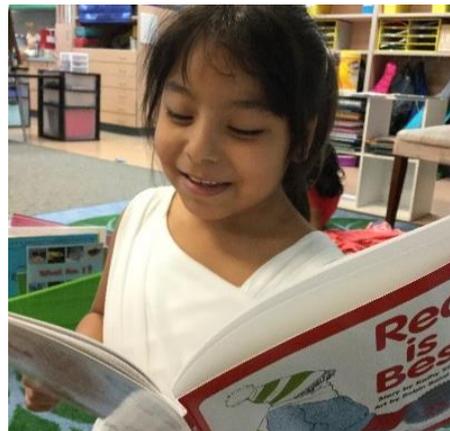
## 2. How does a student qualify to receive ELL instruction?

The **Placement Test** will place students at one of these **levels**:

- *Emerging (Levels 1 or 2)*
- *Progressing (Level 3)*
- *Does not need ELL services*

Parents will be notified by letter about their child's test results.

**Emerging and Progressing ELL students will receive ELL instruction from an ELL teacher during the regular school day. See back of brochure for more information.**



## 3. How are an ELL student's language skills monitored?

**Students take an Annual Test in February or March of each year.**

It is called the ELPA21 Test:

- The test will show their language growth and current ELL Level.
- It is a longer test, given on a computer.
- Students will take a practice test in class.
- Here is a link to the practice test: <http://wa.portal.airast.org/>

## 4. How does a student exit the ELL Program?

If a student scores as Proficient (Level 4) on the Annual Test, they will **not** receive ELL services the following school year. They **exit** the ELL Program.

The Proficient student will be "monitored" for 2 years – the teachers will make sure the student is meeting standards, and they will offer support if the student is not meeting standards.