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.
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/](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.