

English Language Learners (ELL)

The ELL program is offered to students whose primary language is not English, who need help in moving from limited English proficient toward proficiency, both in the English language and in Ohio's academic standards. We are committed to helping these students transition into our district and achieve maximum learning. We want to provide a safe place for learning English and learning about our schools. We will teach each student the skills that they need to succeed. We hope to work with our students' parents and their teachers to help them meet their learning goals.

Testing

ELL staff must administer a test to determine the student's initial English language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension. Parents will be notified in writing of the results of the test.

ELL students are given the OTELA each Spring. The OTELA (Ohio Test of English Language Acquisition) is required by the State of Ohio to assess the progress of ELLs. Parents will receive score reports with the results of this test each summer.

ELL students must also take grade appropriate Ohio achievement tests. These tests include the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) and the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA). Some ELL students are allowed accommodations on these assessments. Please speak to your child's ELL teacher to see what accommodations your child is allowed on each test.

Program Objectives

The objectives for the Olentangy Schools ELL program are as follows:

- To provide English Language Learners (ELL) with assistance to attain in a timely manner the English required to successfully participate in the educational program.
- To help ELL students acquire proficiency in English language skills appropriate for their grade level.
- To enable ELL students to use their knowledge of the home language to maintain growth of concept understanding in school academic areas.

Entry Process

At registration parents are asked to complete a Home Language Survey to indicate whether or not ELL services will be needed.

Instructional Objectives

The program's instructional goals are based on the use of English in the following ways:

- To use English to communicate in social settings.
- To use English to academically achieve in all areas.
- To use English in socially and culturally appropriate ways.

Program Description

The ELL program focuses on instruction of reading, writing, listening, speaking and comprehension. The program's goal is to achieve literacy in the English language in order to foster success in all subject areas and grade levels.

Graduation Requirements

Ohio has graduation course requirements that must be met. Please contact your school counselor for more information.

All students must pass all sections of the Ohio Graduation Test. English learners are allowed certain accommodations on the test.

Grades

Progress Reports for ELLs will be in a narrative form, a skills mastery check list, or regular grades with modifications and will be sent home at the end of the nine weeks for elementary students. High school and middle school ELL English grades follow the OLSD grading scale.

Exit Procedures

The student is exited from the ELL program when he or she:

1. Obtains a composite score of 5 on the OTELA (Ohio Test of English Language Acquisition); or
2. Obtains a composite score of 4 on the OTELA, subsequently completes a trial period of mainstream instruction and obtains a composite score of 4 or above on the OTELA during the trial period of mainstream instruction. A student will not be exited prior to 3rd grade.

Eligibility

Any student who scores below proficient in Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and/or comprehension on an English Language proficiency test.

Plan of Support

Each student who qualifies as an ELL will have a service plan created by the current ELL teacher. The service plan will specify services, classroom modifications and grade reporting procedures.



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