

ELL STAFF

AT SCHOOLS

ELL Specialists

- Collaborate with ELL students' teachers
- Screen students for program eligibility
- Coordinate required annual language proficiency testing
- Help students with their cultural understanding
- Provide English language development instruction to ELL students in middle schools and in high schools

ELL Tutors

- Provide language instruction through content tutoring at the direction of the classroom teachers and the ELL specialists
- Collaborate with teachers to develop ELL Student Support Services plans
- Provide support to classroom teachers to increase access to the curriculum for EL students
- Facilitate communication between schools and ELL families

Language Interpreters

- Provide vocabulary and concept interpretation in the classroom
- Serve as a communication link between ELL families and schools
- Translate letters, forms, and notices

LANGUAGE LINE:
Over-the-phone
interpretation services are
available for home-school
communication
(in most languages)



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English Language Learner Program



ELL

THE ELL PROGRAM IS FUNDED THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REGULAR BUDGET AND A SMALL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT, TITLE III-A

The ELL Program supports schools in delivering equal educational opportunities for students who:

- Speak a language(s) other than English
- Speak another language in addition to English
- Have a language other than English spoken in their home

AND

- Are academically achieving below grade level

The ELL Program focuses on helping students gain:

- Social communication skills
- Academic language proficiency in English
- Multicultural awareness

DISTRICTWIDE ELL Activities

ELL Parent Nights

- Held throughout the school year
- Include topics to help parents with their students' education

Celebration of Cultures Potluck

- Collaboration between ELL Program and Alaska Native Education Program
- Cultural performances and food

Supplemental Summer Activities

- Funded by Title III-A grant; varies by year

Terms and Acronyms to Know

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Alaska's Annual Language Proficiency Assessment

ELL or EL

English Language Learner/ English Learner

ELD

English Language Development

LEP

Limited English Proficient

PLQ/HLS

Parent Language Questionnaire/
Home Language Survey

WIDA

Organization of 40 member states, territories and federal agencies supporting English Learner success. WIDA's mission is to advance academic language development and academic achievement for children and youth who are culturally and linguistically diverse through high quality standards, assessments, research and professional learning for educators.

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