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English Language Learners Program



Welcome

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**Old Bridge Township
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English Language
Learners Program**



The goal of the ELL program is to provide English language instruction to prepare children to perform successfully in all classes.

The ELL teachers work with classroom teachers to help children develop English language skills, cultural awareness, and learning strategies they will need to succeed in school and in the community.



English Language Learners Program

FAQ's

1. Why is my child in an English language Learners (ELL) class?

Records show that another language is spoken at home. Therefore, your child's listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English were tested. Based on the scores, your child is eligible for ELL instruction.

2. When does my child go to ELL classes?

The student receives small group instruction from certified ELL teachers specially trained to teach children who speak other languages.

An elementary school student receives 30 minutes of English language instruction every day. Your child may receive an additional 30 minutes if he/she is a new speaker of the English language.

A middle school or high school ELL student attends one or more ELL classes according to your child's needs.

3. How long must my child attend these classes?

Each student's progress is evaluated yearly.

4. How does my child exit the program?

Each spring, the state mandated ACCESS 2.0 test is administered. It measures your child's English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The ELL teacher and your child's classroom teacher then recommend whether your child continues or exits the program.

5. Should I continue to use our first language with my child?

YES! Research shows that the more highly developed a student's first language is the more successful he or she will be in learning a second language.

**How can I help my
bilingual child?**

Create a quiet place and regular time to do homework and study.

Read to your child in your language.

If possible find a helpful friend, family member or neighbor who can help with school work.

Help your child find ways to use English outside of school (sports teams, music and dance classes, library programs...).

Helpful Academic Websites

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://www.arcademicskillbuilders.com/>

<http://www.abcya.com/>

<http://www.learningplanet.com/>

