

# PALMYRA PUBLIC SCHOOLS E.L.S PROGRAM



## What is involved in learning a new language?

Learning a new language is more complicated and takes longer than many people think. It is much more than learning correct grammar and vocabulary. This is why it can take many years to learn enough English to be academically successful.

To begin with, your child may:

- listen only and speak little, if at all
- use simple English when speaking with friends
- read and write words
- copy simple sentence patterns and read them
- write their own simple sentences and read them
- have English conversations with friends.

All these things are what teachers call social language learning.

# E.L.S

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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES-FAQ'S

## Why is my child in the English Language Service Program?

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 ELS instruction.

## When does my child go to ELS class?

The student receives small group instruction from a bilingual certified teacher. An English Language Learner receives 30 minutes of English language instruction 3 times a week.

## How long must my child attend these classes?

Each student's progress is evaluated yearly.

## How does my child exit the program?

Each spring a state test is given. It measures your child's English listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The ELS teacher and your child's classroom teacher then recommend whether your child continues or exits the program.

## 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 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 WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

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The goal of the program is to provide English language instruction to prepare children to perform successfully in all classes. The ELS teacher will work with classroom teacher to help children develop English language skills, cultural awareness, and learning strategies they will need to succeed in school and in the community.

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