Liberty Middle School ELL Program

Madison City Schools is a diverse school system, and we have many families that speak a language other than English at home. Our English Language Learners (ELL) program is designed to help our English learners become proficient in English, while encouraging families to maintain the use of their native language at home.

How do we identify English Learners?

At registration, every family completes a Home Language Survey. If a language other than English is indicated on the survey, students in Grades K-12 must take the WIDA Screener/WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT). These assessment tools measure a student's English language proficiency on a scale of 1.0 – 6.0. We use the proficiency score, classroom teacher input, and other available assessment data to determine eligibility for our ELL program. Parents have the right to waive supplementary ELL services, but students are still required to take the ACCESS test each spring until they meet exit criteria.

What does the ELL program include at Liberty?

There are two prongs to our ESL program. We offer instructional and assessment accommodations in the regular classroom. In addition, we offer an English language class and an English language arts class for English learners. Our classroom teachers accommodate their instruction and assessments to meet the specific needs of our English learners based on their individual language proficiencies.

How do we measure student progress?

Every English learner in grades K-12 takes an annual English assessment called ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. This assessment measures listening, speaking, reading, and writing proficiency in English on a scale from 1.0 – 6.0. We compare the scores from year to year to measure student progress. Once a student scores an overall 4.8, he/she will exit the ESL program. We monitor all exited students for four years to ensure academic success.

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Languages represented at LMS:

Arabic
Bengali
Chinese
Danish
English
Farsi
French
German
Gujarati
Hindi
Hungarian
Igbo
Japanese
Kannada
Korean
Lao
Malayalam
Marathi
Norwegian
Portuguese
Romanian
Russian
Spanish
Sundanese
Tagalog
Tamil
Telugu
Thai
Turkish
Urdu
Ukranian
Vietnamese