Liberty Middle School EL Program

Madison City Schools is a diverse school system, and we have many families that speak a language other than English at home. Our ESL (English as a second language) 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 EL program. Parents have the right to waive supplementary EL services, but students are still required to take the ACCESS test each spring until they meet exit criteria.

What does the ESL program include at Liberty?

Our classroom teachers accommodate their instruction and assessments to meet the specific needs of our English learners based on their individual language proficiencies. In addition to the regular classroom supports, our English Learners may participate in a language acquisition or language arts class tailored for EL students.

How do we measure student progress?

Near the end of each school year, 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 EL program. We monitor all students who have exited the program for four years to ensure academic success.

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Languages represented at Liberty:

Albanian
Arabic
Bengali
Chinese
Danish
English
Farsi
French
German
Gujarati
Hindi
Hungarian
Japanese
Korean
Lao
Malayalam
Marathi
Marshallese
Norwegian
Portuguese
Romanian
Russian
Spanish
Tamil
Telugu
Thai
Turkish
Urdu
Vietnamese