



## 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?

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 ESL program. We monitor all exited students for four years to ensure academic success.

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Languages represented at Liberty:

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  
Ukrainian  
Vietnamese