



# ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM

## JAMES CLEMENS HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026

Languages represented at  
JAMES CLEMENS:

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



*Madison City Schools is a diverse school system, and we have many families that speak a language other than English at home. Our English Learner (EL) 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, the student will take the WIDA Screener. This assessment tool measures a student's English language proficiency on a scale of 1 to 6. 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 EL services.

### WHAT DOES THE EL PROGRAM INCLUDE AT JCHS?

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 language acquisition and development classes tailored for EL students or receive extra academic support and instruction from EL teachers.

### HOW DO WE MEASURE STUDENT PROGRESS?

During the spring semester, all English learners in grades K-12 take 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 1-6. 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 exited students for four years to ensure academic success.

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