

MADISON ELEMENTARY ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM



Madison City Schools recognizes that within our district there are students who have a primary language other than English. Our goal is for our English as a Second Language (ESL) program to help each student become proficient in the use of the English language, but not replace the student's primary language.

Identification of EL Students at Madison Elementary

At registration, every child enrolled in the Alabama public school system is given a Home Language Survey. If a language other than English is provided on the survey, students in Grades K-12 are assessed for English proficiency using the WIDA Screener or Model for Kindergarten. This screening tool is used to determine whether a child is eligible for English language instructional services.

Parents may choose to waive EL services.

Instruction at Madison Elementary is provided in English only and adapted to the student's English proficiency level. This involves teaching grade-level subject matter in English in ways that are comprehensible and that engage students academically, while also promoting English language development. Our EL Instructional Program is designed to teach ELs explicitly about the English language, including the academic language needed to access content instruction, and to develop their English language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

LANGUAGES REPRESENTED AT MES

Arabic
Bengali
Chinese
French
Gujarati
Hindi
Indic Languages
Japanese
Korean
Russian
Spanish
Swedish
Tamil

