



Welcome to Heritage Elementary!

Madison City Schools is a diverse school system, and we have many families that speak a language other than English at home. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) 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 MODEL/WIDA ACCESS Online Screener. 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 ESL program. Parents have the right to waive ESL services.

What does the EL program include at Heritage?

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 exited students for four years to ensure academic success.

Need help with homework?

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library has on-line tutors if your child needs help with homework from 3 to 10PM. Check it out at <https://hmcpl.org/> under the research tab.

Contact Us:

Jessica Mayes - jmayes@madisoncity.k12.al.us

Michael Kelley – mgkelley@madisoncity.k12.al.us



Languages represented at Heritage:

Arabic
Bengali
Chinese
French
German
Gujarati
Hindi
Indic Languages
Japanese
Korean
Marathi
Marshallese
Nepali
North American Indian Languages
Russian
Spanish
Swedish
Tamil
Telugu
Urdu
Vietnamese

