



WELCOME TO HERITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

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 Program (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?

Every family completes a Home Language Survey at registration. If the survey indicates a language other than English, K-12 students must take the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten or the WIDA ACCESS Online Screener. These assessments 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 assessments to determine eligibility for the ESL program. Parents have the right to waive ESL services.

What does the Heritage ESL Program include?

Our ESL Instructional Program is designed to teach ELs explicitly about the English language and to develop their English language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. We offer instructional and assessment accommodations in the regular classroom to meet the specific needs of our English learners based on their individual language proficiencies.

Additionally, English learners are provided with supplementary small group instruction to support their language development and attainment of the content standards. Our program measures student progress yearly using the ACCESS for ELLs. This assessment measures listening, speaking, reading, and writing proficiency in English on a scale from 1.0-6.0. A student will exit the ESL program once he or she reaches the overall score of 4.8. We monitor all exited students for four years to ensure academic success.



Languages of Heritage Families

Arabic	Gujarati	Nepali
Bengali	Hindi	Russian
Burmese	Japanese	Spanish
Chinese	Korean	Telugu
Farsi	Malayalam	Ukrainian
French	Marshallese	Vietnamese

Need help with Homework?

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library offers online tutoring from 3:00-10:00 pm. Find details at <https://hmcpl.org/> under the research tab.

Heritage EL Teachers

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