

How do I know that my child qualifies for ELL services?

At the time of registration, families complete the Student Information Form and the Home Language Survey. If parents or legal guardians answered "yes" to one of the two questions in the Home Language Survey, students will then be administered the screener instrument. The purpose of the screener instrument is to determine student's English language proficiency and identify student's eligibility to receive ELL services.

School District U-46 uses the Illinois State Board of Education prescribed screener instruments **WIDA MODEL™** and **ACCESS W-APT™** as its basis for determining student's eligibility. **WIDA MODEL™** and **ACCESS W-APT™** are scored on a range from 1.0 to 6.0. Students who score below 4.0 composite are eligible to receive ELL services.

A recommendation regarding appropriate placement and services is made based on the results of this screener instrument.

A parent notification letter is provided explaining recommendation and services, as well as the program description. Parents can accept or refuse ELL placement recommendations.

If the student is not eligible for ELL services according to the entrance criteria used by School District U-46 parents have the right to appeal this decision to the:

Kane County Regional Office of Education
210 South 6th Street, Geneva, Illinois 60134
Phone number (630) 232-5955

Where can I find information about English Language Learners Programs?

For ELL information visit or call:

<http://www.u-46.org/>

**English Language Learners
Educational Services Office**
355 East Chicago Street
Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 888-5000 ext. 5331

Family Welcome Center
4 South Gifford Street
Elgin, IL
(847) 888-5000 ext. 7023

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If my child does not speak English well, what are the services available?

Services for ELL students

Family Welcome Center:

- √ Assists **new** families to the district with school registration. Recommends program placement for students at the home school.
- √ Screens the English language proficiency of each student identified through the *Home Language Survey* as having a non-English background by using ISBE's prescribed screening instrument applicable to the student's grade level.
- √ Provides information to students and families about instructional programs, support services, and agencies available in the school district and community.
- √ Refers qualifying elementary school students to the district *Newcomer Program* to accelerate their acquisition of oral and academic language, content, and skills.
- √ Assists families with completion of school pre-registration forms and provides families with referrals to immunization clinics and community services.



English Language Learners Programs

Vision

A LL students who exit an English Language Learner Program will meet or exceed achievement standards in General Education classes.



Mission

To prepare students to acquire academic language proficiency skills and promote student achievement.

Program Options



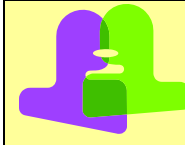
Transitional Bilingual Education

The Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) program is for ELL students of the same high-incident language. The program provides instruction in the students' native language with transition into English.



Transitional Program of Instruction

This program is for ELL students who come from low-incident language background. The program provides instruction in the English language using a Sheltered English approach.



Dual Language

The goal of the program is to develop strong skills and proficiency in students' first and second language. About half of the students in the classroom are native English speakers and the other half are Spanish speakers who qualified for ELL services when accepted into the Dual Language Program.



Newcomer Program

This program is designed for recent immigrants of high-incident language, Spanish, who qualify for ELL services. The program focuses on ESL and content area instruction in the students' native language (Spanish).