

In U-46, the **Two-Way Dual Language Program** is composed of two linguistic groups:

- Students from a Spanish language background who are eligible to receive English Learner (EL) services, and
- Native English and/or English-dominant students.

The Dual Language Program is also offered at the middle school level.

Where can I find more information about the English Language Learners Program?

For more information, please refer to:

www.u-46.org under Student Learning>>
[English Language Learners](#)



or

the **U-46 Dual Language Program Brochure** available on the ELL website:
www.u-46.org under Student Learning>>
[Dual Language](#)

or

- **Family Welcome Center**
355 East Chicago Street
Suite #231
Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 888-5000 ext. 6038

The School District U-46 ELL Parent Handbook is available in ENGLISH, SPANISH, POLISH, URDU, GUJARATI, LAO and TAGALOG.



Transitional Bilingual Education

The **Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)** program is for non-native English speaking eligible students of the same high-incidence language. The program provides instruction in the students' native language with transition into English.



Transitional Program of Instruction

The **Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI)** or ESL (English as a Second Language) is a mandated program to serve eligible students from low-incidence language backgrounds. Some examples of language groups represented in this program are: Mandarin, Vietnamese, Hindi, Korean, and Arabic.

The program provides support to help students succeed in academic subjects and learn English. Instruction is provided in English using ***Sheltered English Instruction***. At the secondary level these classes count toward graduation.

***ALL classes in the ELL Program count toward graduation requirements.**

School District U-46 English Language Learners Programs (ELL)



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If a language other than English is spoken in our home, what services are available?

Services for ELL students

Family Welcome Center

The primary services of the Family Welcome Center are:

- To screen the English language proficiency of each student identified through the Home Language Survey as having a non-English background based on a “YES” response to either question on the Home Language Survey.
- To determine a student’s eligibility to receive ELL services based on the prescribed screening instrument scores. If a student is eligible to receive ELL services, the Family Welcome Center will make the appropriate placement recommendation.
- To inform new families to the district of the instructional programs available for their child.
- To provide information about the registration process.
- To inform new families to the district of the resources available in School District U-46 and the community.

How do I know that my child is eligible for ELL services?

At the time of registration, all new families to the district complete a Student Information Form and the Home Language Survey. In accordance with Illinois School Code 228.15, the district screens the English language proficiency of each student identified through the Home Language Survey as having a non-English background by using the prescribed screening instrument applicable to the student’s grade level.

Students are screened to determine their English language proficiency, which determines whether they qualify for services in the ELL Program. School District U-46 uses the Illinois State Board of Education prescribed screening instruments: **Pre-IPT, WIDA MODEL™, WIDA Screener** and **ACCESS** as its basis for determining student eligibility.

A recommendation regarding appropriate placement and services is made based on the results of the prescribed screening. U-46 offers a variety of ELL programs to meet the various needs of ELL students based on ISBE regulations.

A **Notice of Enrollment** and the **ELL Program Description** is provided to parents/guardians whose child qualifies for services in the ELL Program.

Parents have the right to accept or refuse placement recommendations.

If you have a question about your child’s eligibility, please contact the Family Welcome Center.

Program Options



Transitional Bilingual Education

80:20 Dual Language Program

Dual language is a program model under Transitional Bilingual Education. The goal of the Dual Language Program is to develop strong skills and proficiency in the students’ first and second language, in order to become bilingual, biliterate and multicultural. U-46 offers One-Way and Two-Way Dual Language (DL) program models. The One-Way and Two-Way DL program models have the same basic principles but vary in the make-up of the linguistic groups.

In U-46, the **One-Way Dual Language Program** is composed of only one linguistic group: Students from a Spanish language background who are eligible to receive English Learner (EL) services.