

# English Language Learners Program in School District U-46

## Dual Language Program\*

The goal of the program is to develop strong skills and proficiency in the students' first and second language, in order to become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural. 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: Spanish-speaking students who are eligible to receive ELL services.

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

- Spanish-speaking students who are eligible to receive ELL services and who have accepted services, and
- Native English and/or English-dominant students.

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

## Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)\*

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. The program is offered at schools where there are 20 or more eligible students with the same language classification.

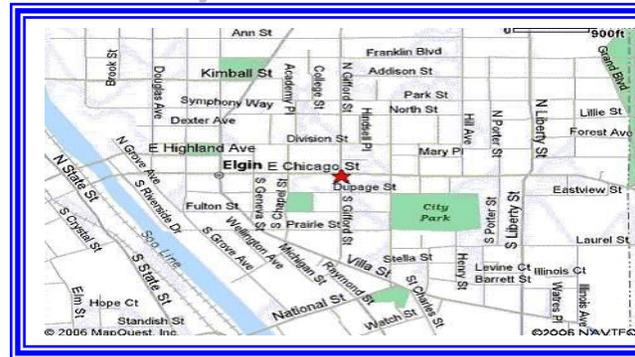
## Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI)\*

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. The program provides support to help students succeed in academic subjects and learn English. The program provides instruction in English language using *Sheltered English Instruction*. Some examples of language groups represented in this program are: Mandarin, Vietnamese and Arabic.

**\*The classes in the ELL Program count toward graduation requirements.**

For more information on instructional programs within the ELL department, please refer to the Parent Handbook for ELL students and/or the ELL website: [www.u-46.org/ell](http://www.u-46.org/ell)

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## **F**amily **Welcome Center**

Welcome to school district U-46, a community of diverse learners representing over 96 languages and cultures. Our goal is to make every family that comes to the Family Welcome Center feel respected, valued, and informed as they learn how to navigate the U-46 school system. The primary focus of the Family Welcome Center is ensuring that students who have a language background other than English are placed in the appropriate instructional program in accordance with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). We are an integral first step in supporting the district's focus of **ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL** by providing guidance and information to families regarding their child's education. The recommendation for placement ensures that students will receive the educational programming aligned to develop their academic and language skills to their full potential.

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.



## **A**ssessment and placement of students

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 as its basis for determining student eligibility:

- **Pre-IPT**
- **WIDA MODEL™**
- **WIDA Screener**
- **ACCESS**

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.