

About the Program

The English Language Development (ELD) program has been designed to promote our students' success in school by providing instruction in the development of listening, speaking, vocabulary, reading, writing skills and grammar in the English language. To ensure that all students in the program learn English as quickly as possible, and in compliance with Proposition 203 regulations, all ELD instruction in the Chandler Unified School District is in English.

Information regarding students' academic progress is distributed to parents quarterly in the form of progress reports and report cards. Those wishing to review their child's progress in meeting academic standards or to receive information regarding his/her English proficiency should contact his/her classroom teacher.

Professional Training

The ELD program in the Chandler Unified School District operates at all sites under the supervision of certified instructors holding endorsements in SEI, ESL and/or Bilingual Education from the Arizona Department of Education.

Program Goals

Goal One:

Listening/Speaking

The learner will comprehend messages and communicate orally in English.

Goal Two:

Reading

The learner will read and comprehend written English.

Goal Three:

Writing

The learner will communicate using English in a written form.

Goal Four:

Vocabulary

The learner will acquire English language vocabulary and use it in relevant contexts.

Goal Five:

Grammar

The learner will employ correct word usage orally and in writing based on the Language Strand in the English Language Proficiency Standards required by the Arizona Department of Education.



Program Services

The English Language Development (ELD) program services include classroom instruction planned and delivered by certified teachers trained in SEI strategies. At some sites, ELD students may also receive support from the school's SEI-trained and ELD support teachers who collaborate to meet each student's needs.

Please Note: If a language other than English is the primary language spoken by your child or your family, please make sure this is indicated on the school Enrollment Form and Home Language Survey.



Enter & Exit Program Criteria

If information obtained during enrollment indicates that a language other than English is the primary language of the student and/or his or her family, the student is evaluated to determine his/her level of English language proficiency. Students in kindergarten through grade 12 are evaluated for listening, speaking, reading and writing competency. The state adopted assessment is the Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA). The results of this language assessment are used to determine whether a child will benefit from the services provided through the English Language Development program. A Parental Notification and Consent form is sent home as students qualify.

All students identified as ELL (whether they are in the ELD program or withdrawn by parent) are re-evaluated annually to determine their progress in learning English. All assessment results are available to parents through the child's ELD teacher. Students who score an overall "Proficient" on the AZELLA will be exited from the ELD program. A Reclassification form will be sent home to parents regarding their child's exit status.

These procedures have been implemented in accordance with ARS 15-751-756.

General Information

Program Contact Information

For more information about The English Language Development Program, please contact:

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AZELLA Testing Information

The majority of the students are tested by staff from The English Language Learner Assessment Center which is located at:

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Chandler Unified School District

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