



PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

English Learner Program (EL Program)

Annual Parent Notification

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

We are sending this letter to inform you of your child's identification as an English learner (EL) and of his/her placement into an English language development program for the school year. We are following federal law as required of all school corporations: **(1)** To identify limited English proficient (LEP) students; **(2)** To assess students' progress in learning English and; **(3)** To provide students with services to increase their English proficiency and academic achievement.

To identify students that are ELs and the educational services they will need, we use the Home Language Survey (HLS) and WIDA ACCESS for ELLs (previously LAS Links Assessment) The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs measures students' English abilities in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Your child's **overall** English language proficiency score on his/her WIDA ACCESS for ELLs was:

_____. **Description of the English Proficiency Levels and CAN DO Descriptors can be found at <http://websites.msdp.k12.in.us/ell/wida/>**

Your child will participate in a program to help him/her attain English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing, succeed in academics and meet graduation requirements. The following table identifies the method(s) of instruction that will be used with your child:

€	ELD (English Language Development): Students receive specialized instruction that is tailored to their WIDA level and focused on their current needs, which may include support with content-area learning, reading strategies, writing skills, oral language skills, and vocabulary development.
€	Collaborative Teaching: Students receive instruction from EL teacher and classroom teacher to meet the same learning objectives as their peers while utilizing instructional materials, learning tasks, and classroom techniques to develop English language, content, cognitive, and study skills.
€	Mainstream SIOP classroom: Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) instructors present mainstream grade-level subject curriculum using modified instruction for EL students in English in order to make the content comprehensible.
€	EL Class: Integrated secondary course based on WIDA Levels to improve English proficiency using discussion, reading, and writing.
€	Newcomer: A partial day secondary program, taught in English, with a focus on language development and basic content learning that maximizes the growth of the student's English proficiency.
€	Sheltered Instruction: A content focused class taught by a SIOP trained teacher that is specifically designed/differentiated for and comprised solely of beginning level EL students.
€	Not Applicable (Parent Refusal): written confirmation has been received from the parent indicating the parent wishes to deny English language development instruction for their child.

In order to exit the English language development program your child must obtain one overall level 5 on the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs. After exiting from the program, your child's academic progress will continue to be monitored for 2 years. While the rate of attaining English language proficiency varies greatly from student to student, research has shown that it typically takes 3-7 years to attain English proficiency and exit from English language development services. Indiana's expected rate of graduation is currently 96%. If your child has been identified with a disability in which they also require an Individual Education Plan (IEP), the English language development program will be used in coordination with your child's existing IEP.

As a parent, you have the right to: **(1)** Remove your child from the English language development program; and **(2)** Decline your child's participation in the program or choose another program or method of instruction.

If you decide to not have your child participate in the English language development program, he/she will still be required to complete the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Assessment under federal law. If you have any questions about the placement of your child for this school year, please contact the EL teacher at your school.