

TAS Middle School English as an Academic Language (EAL) Program

The Middle School division provides academic language instruction and scaffolding for EAL students in one of two ways, depending on each student's level of language proficiency:

- **Sheltered Instruction**—Advanced Beginning to Intermediate (*previously called "Pull Out"*)
- **Immersion**—High Intermediate (*previously called "Push In"*)

In addition to receiving personalized language instruction in small-class settings, all EAL students are assessed and evaluated for placement every semester. At every grade level, an EAL teacher coordinates with the core subject teachers to ensure that EAL students develop a solid language foundation in order to adjust well socially and to achieve academic success in the Middle School and beyond.

EAL Program Philosophy	Flow Chart
<p>The English as an Academic Language (EAL) program at TAS is specifically designed to meet the needs of students with limited academic language in English. The goal of the EAL program at TAS is for students with limited academic English to have the language to be successful in the mainstream curriculum. Given the high standards and expectations held by the school community, students need to have a high level of English academic language in order to succeed in their classes and to effectively process and produce language. In addition, proficiency with English academic language provides students greater access to the many opportunities provided in the TAS program.</p>	<pre> graph TD A[Lower School EAL Program] --> B[Middle School EAL Program] B --> C[EAL Sheltered Immersion] B --> D[EAL Sheltered Instruction] B --> E[EAL Immersion] C --> C1[Courses: • Core classes co-taught by EAL & content area teachers • Grade 3-5 EAL students take English Language Development (ELD).] D --> D1[Courses: • Sheltered English • Sheltered History • English Language Development (ELD) (A).] E --> E1[Courses: • English Language Development (ELD) (B).] </pre>
EAL Sheltered Instruction	
<p>EAL students in Sheltered Instruction meet with an EAL teacher daily in Sheltered English and Sheltered history, which are classes that mirror mainstream English and history. They also receive additional language instruction in an English Language Development (ELD) class instead of taking a World Language.</p>	
EAL Immersion	
<p>EAL students in Immersion enrolled in all mainstream classes, and they meet with an EAL teacher daily for academic language support in an ELD class instead of taking a World Language.</p>	