

PARENTS' GUIDE TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES

RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOW DOES MY CHILD QUALIFY FOR ELL SERVICES?

- A home language survey (HLS) is given to all incoming students in the district. If a parent indicates that a language other than English is spoken in the home, the student is given the Language Assessment Scale (LAS) screener.
- If the student shows that he or she needs help in reading, writing, listening, or speaking in English, s/he qualifies for ELL services.

WHO IS IN THE ELL PROGRAM?

- Students come from homes where a variety of languages are spoken. Some of the variety of languages we have here at Riverview include Punjabi, Spanish, Chinese, Farsi, Swahili, and Arabic.
- We are an ELL center school; we are lucky to have students from many cultures here. About 10% of our students receive ELL services.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL MY STUDENT RECEIVE SERVICES EACH DAY?

- The amount of time each student receives services depends on the need of the student. Each group meets for thirty minutes four to five times a week.
- Students may receive reading, language, and/or math support.
- Some students may only receive services once a day or once a week, and some students receive services two or more times a day.

WHAT IF RIVERVIEW IS NOT MY HOME SCHOOL?

- Riverview is an ELL center school, so students from Mize, Belmont, Horizon, Clear Creek, and Prairie Ridge receive services at Riverview Elementary.
- No ELL services are offered at the other elementary schools in the district, except for Starside Elementary.
- Free bussing is available for ELL students to and from Riverview Elementary School.

WILL MY STUDENT MISS CLASSWORK FOR ELL SERVICES?

- All students in the building switch classes for reading and math flight school (practice time), so your student **WILL NOT** miss new instruction.
- Language support is given at a time when no new instruction is given.

HOW LONG WILL MY STUDENT RECEIVE ELL SERVICES?

- A student will receive ELL services until he or she receives a proficient score on the state ELL proficiency exam, the KELPA.
- After scoring proficient on the KELPA, the student is monitored for two years.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ELL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS ?

- ELL staff (two teachers and two paraprofessionals) work with the students' classroom teacher to develop academic skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking standard, academic English) as well as language and math skills.
- The ELL department can be a “safety net” for ELL students if they experience struggles as they go through the school year.
- We provide support in class for applying language to various activities.

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS.

We would love to hear from you!

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