



# **Welcome Families of English Language Learners!**

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**We are happy you are here!**

# Acquiring A Second Language



## Students Need Time!

Like you, your children are experiencing culture shock. They need to get used to a new country, environment, way of life and a new school system, all of which affects their learning.

## All Students Learn At Their Own Pace.

Like with any learning experience, some students will learn quicker than others. How quickly younger students learn will be different from older students. Younger students are learning social language and are learning the academics with their peers, whereas older students have to learn academic heavy content along with the social language.

## Things That Affect Learning A New Language

Academic background in 1st language, motivation/attitude, behavior, and practice.

# US Schools

- ❖ American schools are student centered and promote a culture of collaboration and conversation between peers and teachers
- ❖ There's less emphasis on memorization and more on collaboration
- ❖ Different teaching styles and student differences are accepted in American schools.
- ❖ Not as much homework in most classes as all the learning happens in the classroom. All students are expected to be reading at home daily. Teachers also expect that students are involved in extracurricular activities outside of school, which is another reason why there isn't a lot of homework.



# Our School

- ❖ Class placement processes
  - Friends
  - Academics
  - Boy/girl
  - Behavior
  - Clustering (Gifted, enrichment, intervention)
- ❖ Gifted Services (Mrs. DeVargas)
- ❖ Special Areas
- ❖ Organized sports and clubs
- ❖ School safety -
  - [talking to your children about school safety](#) ← (linked article)

# Powerschools

Parents have access to check their student's grades online. You will need to go to the front office to get the code, which is specific to your child. Then you can create an account, which you can use to check grades for all of your students. The link below has more information:

[Powerschools access](#) ← (linked article)

# Helping Your Child Learn English

Students need to be immersed into American language and culture and need opportunities to practice English with American peers outside of school. Below are resources for some great opportunities for your child to interact with native English speaking peers:

- Legend Springs Chorus - Contact [Tricia.White@dvusd.org](mailto:Tricia.White@dvusd.org)
- Legend Springs Band- Contact [Daniel.Ferralez@dvusd.org](mailto:Daniel.Ferralez@dvusd.org)
- [DVUSD Community Education](#)
- [City of Peoria Parks & Recreation](#)
- [City Of Phoenix Parks & Recreation](#)
- [City Of Glendale Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Phoenix Public Library](#)
- [Glendale Public Library](#)



# **Deer Valley Unified School District English Language Acquisition Services**

**Click here → [Website](#)**

- Reading tips for parents**
- At home learning resources**
- Parent Academy**

# Gifted Services

Nicole DeVargas: Gifted Teacher Specialist

Gifted Website: [Gifted Testing Site \(link\)](#)

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# Legend Springs PTO

What We Do: Our goal is to raise funds to give back to the students, school, and staff. Click [HERE](#) for more PTO updates of activities!



# Do you have any questions?

Contact Karen Perry at [karen.perry@dvusd.org](mailto:karen.perry@dvusd.org)

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**WE are happy to help!**





**Thank you!**

