

What is an ELL Program?

Our ELL Program is designed to teach English to students who are not yet proficient in the English language in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and/or writing.

What We Offer:

ELL Identification and Placement
ELL Services to Students:

- Progress Monitoring
- Language Proficiency Testing
- ELL Teacher Training

Balsz ELL Programs:

Tillman Middle School is implementing two models: Pull-Out Model and the Two-Hour Model depending on the students proficiency level.

Two Hour and Pull-Out Model:

Targeted

60 minutes (120 for the two hour model) of explicit language instruction per day of pull-out targeted ELD time for all ELL students provided by a certified SEI instructor.

Intregrated

Requiring that gradelevel/content area teachers provide at least 60 minutes per day of language instruction within the integrated setting.

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**Balsz ELL
Program**
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER



At Balsz our program, teachers, staff and resources are all focused on helping English Language Learners (ELLs) reach their highest potential. Our main focus is to ensure that Balsz English Language Learners acquire the language skills they need to succeed in the classroom and in life.

PARENT INFORMATION

WHO ARE OUR ELLs?

An ELL is a student who: (1) lives in a home where a language other than English is spoken; and (2) has limited proficiency in English.

During registration all parents complete a Home Language Survey. If the survey indicates that a language other than English is spoken in the home, the student is tested for English proficiency using the Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA). Students who do not score proficient on the AZELLA qualify for ELL program.



What is the AZELLA?

AZELLA stands for Arizona English Language Learner Assessment. The AZELLA measure the English proficiency of students who have a primary home language other than English. The assessment is aligned to the English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards. The AZELLA determines a proficiency level of Pre-Emergent, Emergent, Basic, Intermediate, Proficient

Purpose:

The AZELLA is used to identify students who need additional English language support and to place them in the appropriate ELL program based on their proficiency level (Pre-Emergent, Emergent, Basic, Intermediate, Proficient).

*Students who receive an overall score of proficient test out of the ELL program.

WHAT ELL PROGRAMS ARE APPROVED BY ADE?

Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has identified 4 ELL Models that schools can use to meet the requirements:

Pull-Out

Two-Hour

Newcomer

50-50 Dual Language



Important Dates

- AZELLA State Testing Window: January 27th-March 14th

Scores will be send out in May

Parents will receive a report detailing their child's overall proficiency level and scores in each domain, which informs decisions about their placement in an ELL program