

Gower 62 Multilingual Program

Gower values the linguistic and cultural diversity that our students bring to our schools.

Approximately 11% of our students are Multilingual Learners and are provided specialized services through the Multilingual Program.

The Gower 62 Multilingual Program provides a Transitional Program of Instruction at both Gower West Elementary and Gower Middle School. Multilingual Learners are assigned to a general education classroom and an English Language teacher (a certified teacher with an English as a Second Language Endorsement) provides support within the classroom or by meeting with individual or small groups of students. The amount of specialized instruction a student receives is based upon his/her level of English Language Proficiency.

The goals of this program are:

- To develop English skills while learning grade appropriate academic content.
- To develop academic English language proficiency to assist students in meeting Illinois Learning Standards as well as the Illinois English Language Proficiency Standards.

Instruction focuses on the development of both social and academic language in all four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

If you have questions about Gower's Multilingual Program, please contact Assistant Superintendent, Rebecca Laratta at rlaratta@gower62.com or 630-986-5383.