



# GSL ELD

## PARENT HANDBOOK

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**English Language  
Development Program**



**Our Website**  
[www.gsl.k12.mn.us](http://www.gsl.k12.mn.us)

**2026 / 2027**

# Important Phone Numbers

## **GSL School District**

District Office 320-864-2491  
Superintendent, Christopher Sonju  
320-864-2498

## **School closing information**

320-864-2499 press 1

## **Junior and Senior High School**

Main Office 320-864-2400  
Attendance Line 320-864-2454  
Activities Line 320-864-2487  
Junior/Senior High Principal, Matt Foss 320-864-2401  
Assistant Principal, Sarah Beckman 320-864-2449

## **Lakeside Elementary**

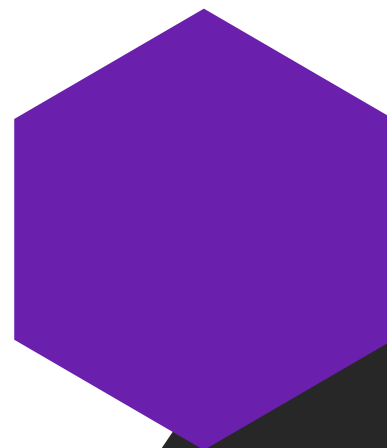
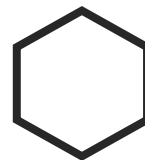
Main Office 320-864-2500  
Attendance Line 320-864-2565

## **Lincoln Elementary**

Main Office 320-864-2666  
Attendance Line 320-864-2665  
Principal, Bill Butler 320-864-2677  
Assistant Principal, Joy Freitag 320-864-2501

## **Glencoe School Bus Garage**

Main Line 320-864-3032



## **ELD Teacher Contact Information:**

### **District Spanish Interpreter/Migrant Liaison**

Guadalupe Acevedo  
864-2686  
[lacevedo@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:lacevedo@gsl.k12.mn.us)

### **Lincoln Elementary School: Grades K-2**

Kennedy Kamish – ELD Teacher  
864-2659  
[kkamish@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:kkamish@gsl.k12.mn.us)

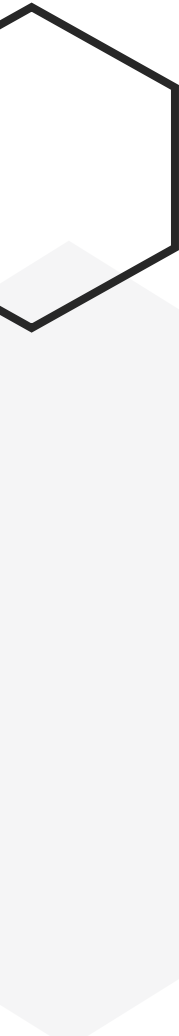
### **Lakeside Elementary School: Grades 3-6**

Jami Ronholm – ELD Teacher  
Anne Taylor – ELD Teacher  
Tina Aguilar – Spanish Speaking Cultural  
Liaison/Paraeducator  
864-2536  
[jronholm@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:jronholm@gsl.k12.mn.us)  
[ataylor@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:ataylor@gsl.k12.mn.us)  
[raguilar@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:raguilar@gsl.k12.mn.us)

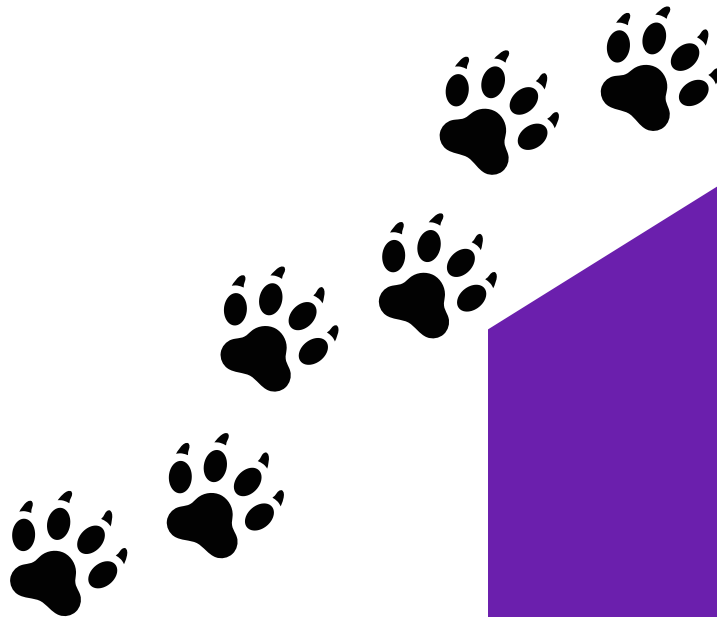
### **GSL Junior High School & GSL High School**

Grades 7-12  
Olivia Martinez – ELD Teacher  
Cynthia Ruiz – Spanish Speaking Paraeducator  
864-2435  
[omartinez@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:omartinez@gsl.k12.mn.us)  
[cruiz@gsl.k12.mn.us](mailto:cruiz@gsl.k12.mn.us)

# Welcome Message

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Welcome to the Glencoe Silver Lake English Language Development (ELD) Program! ELD services at GSL are designed to enable our multilingual learners to achieve the same academic standards as all other students. We focus on systematic and explicit academic English language instruction which follows a developmental scope and sequence. We include English language instruction in reading, writing, listening and speaking.



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# Qualification and Exit

## Qualification

- Students are identified as potential English learners based on the student's Minnesota Home Language Survey (MNLS).
- If a language other than English is listed on the MNLS, the EL teacher will administer the WIDA Screener to determine if students qualify for ELD services. The WIDA Screener provides English proficiency levels in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Parents will be notified in writing within 30 days of placement in the ELD program.
- You have the right to decline ELD service for your child. If you choose to decline services, please contact us at the phone numbers listed on the contact page. We will meet with you to discuss what is best for your child in this regard.

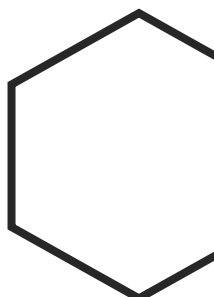
We will inform you in writing if your child has qualified for or has been recommended for the ELD program.

## Exit

The academic progress of EL students is monitored throughout the year by the ELD teachers at each building. When the student has met the following required criteria then he/she may qualify to exit the ELD program.

- Students must score proficient on the annual WIDA ACCESS or WIDA Screener language proficiency tests based on the guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Education.
- Once a student attains English proficiency, they will be actively monitored by EL personnel for a period of two years.

# Family & Community Participation



## **I can participate in my child's education by:**

- Plan ahead to limit my child's absences. Make school a priority!
- Attend my child's conferences.
- Read with my child in my native language or in English.
- Volunteer in my student's classroom or in school activities.
- Practice good study habits daily. Set aside time for my child to study on a regular basis!

## **Community Outreach:**

We welcome any communication with our ELD families. We are interested in any questions or comments you may have and are working on developing some ways to communicate more often with you.

If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact us any time. Our contact information is listed on the Contact Information page of this booklet. We look forward to working with you and your children!

