



ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Elementary School

In elementary school, the English Language Development Program uses a push-in and pull-out model. The majority of ELD support occurs in mainstream classrooms with support provided by ELD teachers in collaboration with homeroom teachers. Pull-out lessons provide specialized time to reinforce understanding of key concepts, to pre-teach or re-teach essential vocabulary, to scaffold reading lessons, and to build essential language skills.

Middle School

The ELDP in middle school follows the co-teaching model, with the ELD teacher working alongside the subject teacher. Through daily co-planning, the instruction is differentiated for optimal English language development. Students also have Language Support classes to address English learners' needs. These classes provide additional time for extending learning, improving academic vocabulary, and focusing on the development of all four English skills —reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

High School

In high school, the ELDP uses sheltered classes, study support classes, and classroom push-in services to help English learners. In grades 9–10, ELD English sheltered classes mirror the mainstream English language arts classes so learners can easily move to the mainstream classrooms when appropriate. Sheltered social studies classes are also available with the same essential units of study as the mainstream classes to ensure that our English learners have access to the same background knowledge as other students.

In high school, study support classes help English learners with reinforcing understanding, studying core subject vocabulary, and assisting with core subject assignments. Study support classes are offered for English, social studies, and science. The HS also uses a co-teaching model in which an ELD grade-level specialist provides push-in support through collaborative planning and instruction with the mainstream classroom teacher. All grade 9 and 10 students receive this type of coordinated academic and language support in their science and history classes.

In grades 11–12, ELD students enroll in IB English B Standard Level or Higher Level courses, which gives them access to the same rigorous and widely recognized IB curriculum offered by top IB schools in the world. In addition, as indicated by their proficiency level, students in grades 11–12 may also enroll in IB English B 11 or IB English B 12 support classes, which provide additional instructional support for accelerated English skills development.