

English as a Second Language (ESL) **ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) PROGRAM**

Our District's ESL Mission:

To educate each linguistically- and culturally-diverse student with the academic and social skills needed to succeed based on high standards for English literacy in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

What is an English Learner (EL)?

ELs are students who are not yet proficient in English. These students may be monolingual, bilingual, multilingual, or might even have very little proficiency in their first language. They may be U.S.-born, immigrants, refugees, migrant, adoptees, or exchange students. EL students are the fastest-growing population in the nation, and their needs are unique.

How are ELs Identified?

The first step to identifying an EL is the use of the Home Language Survey from the Michigan Department of Education. A WIDA test is given in the spring of each year and is also given to any new student who does not have previous WIDA scores.

Byron Center Public Schools EL Plan
EL Handbook

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