



Exceptional Education Through Arts Integration

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ELL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our community welcomes cultural and linguistic diversity. It's our pleasure to teach your child. We know your child has much to learn about our school and much to teach us about him/herself and your home country. We look forward to learning together.

At Gate City all new students are quickly integrated into the regular academic and social programs. The ELL (English Language Learners) Program provides both individualized instruction and small group settings. ELL teachers collaborate with classroom and specialist teachers to create a firm foundation in both English Language skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening, culture) and content area understanding. It is critical that students learn both the new language and continue to learn mathematics, science, social studies, literacy, the arts, and special subjects.

Description and English Language Program Goals

The Gate City English Language Program (ELP) is designed for non-native English speaking students who demonstrate the need for English language instruction. The program provides language instruction and educational experiences that:

- teach the skills required for English language learners (ELLs) to achieve an advanced level of academic English language proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing
- help EL Learners meet the academic achievement standards expected of all students
- promote parent engagement in the child's learning and in the schools

Identification

To determine a student's eligibility for services, Gate City considers the Home Language Survey, student/parent interviews, parent/ teacher/ counselor recommendations, previous school records and transcripts, and the WAP-T, a standardized English proficiency test.

The English Language Curriculum and Instructional Program is based on best practices in teaching and learning and individual student needs.

ELL students at Gate City:

- are enrolled in classes with their same-age, native English speaking peers and are provided with appropriate language support.
- work with the English language teacher individually and in small groups.
- receive progress evaluations and reports of English language development and academic progress through grades, narrative report cards and/or parents conferences as well as student scores on the ACCESS, a standardized English language proficiency test, and other standardized tests.

Exit Standards

Students are exited from the ELL program when they are performing at grade-level and have achieved proficient standards in speaking, listening, reading, and writing as determined by:

- Standardized Tests • Writing Samples • Parent Recommendations • Grades • Oral Presentations
- Teacher Recommendations

Parent Involvement

We encourage parent involvement, feedback, and volunteers.

Parents have the right to, in writing, immediately remove their child from the ELL program upon request.

Children with 504's and IEPs:

ELL students under the Protecting Children with Disabilities guidelines will have their needs met by the Special Ed team who will collaborate with ELL Coordinators