

# Eastern York School District



## English Language Development Program

Learn English to dream, learn and achieve throughout

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### *Does your child:*

*\* understand and speak English?*

*\* struggle in school because of insufficient English?*

*\* read and write in English?*

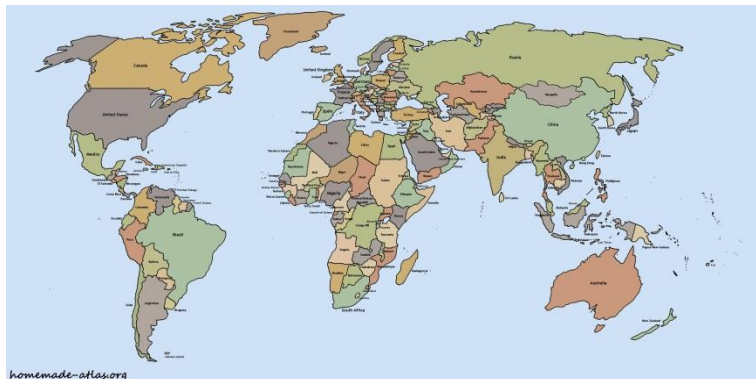
*\* need help learning English?*

The Eastern York School District English Language Development Program can help your child learn the English conversational, reading and writing skills that are needed for success in school and in life.

### **Contact me for additional information or assistance:**

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## Our English Language Development Program:



### **What is an English Language Development Program (ELD)?**

**ELD** is the term used to discuss an **English Language Development Program**. This used to be called ESL, or English as a Second Language. ELD is a program designed to assist students in the district whose primary language is not English. Our **ELD program** provides these students the opportunities they need to

develop their English skills and succeed in school.

### **Overview of Eastern York School District's English Language Program:**

- \* Individualizes for students
- \* Students work one-on-one or in small groups with trained teacher
- \* Focuses on conversational skills
- \* Improves reading proficiency
- \* Develops writing competency
- \* Teaches vocabulary
- \* Instructs English grammar

### **Description of Eastern York School District's English Language Development Program:**

- ◆ *Instruction in English*
- ◆ *Literature and Content based for secondary students*
- ◆ *Secondary students earn credit*
- ◆ *Pull-out program for elementary students*
- ◆ *Individualized for students*

### **What are the school district's legal requirements for an English Language Development Program?**

1. Identify English Learners
2. Assess English Learners annually using the WIDA ACCESS test
3. Provide an English Language Development Program for all ELs

### **Why are students identified for an English Development Program?**

An **English Learner (EL)** is a person who is learning the **English** language in addition to his or her native language. Federal and PA state mandates require districts to identify these students and provide an English Language Development Program to assist them in acquiring English.



**What are the benefits and advantages of our ELD Program?**

- A. Students acquire English with the guidance of a trained language teacher
- B. Students learn essential skills for academic success
- C. Classroom and content teachers along with other specialists work with the ESL Teacher to help the EL learn the language needed for life and academic success.

**Is the EYSD ELD Program effective and how do we know?**

- 100% EYSD ELs graduate from EYSD
- EYSD ELs exit our ELD Program
- 93% of EYSD ELs demonstrated growth in acquiring English in 2016-2017
- 88% EYSD ELs successfully passed all or most academic classes in 2016-2017
- EYSD ELs make annual progress in standardized tests
- 83% ELs in EYSD's ELD Program meet state benchmarks in 3-5 years

**What are the results of my child's English screening?**

Please review the letter that will be sent home with students in the fall. The letter will explain the results of your child's language proficiency assessment.



**What are the English needs of my child?**

- ◆ Please see the enclosed document that lists your child's English needs.
- ◆ Please contact Ms. Croxton if you would like more information.

**What are my parent rights in the English Development Program?**

- \* Receive information in my preferred language
- \* Have my child placed in an English Development Program
- \* Opt out of any part or all of the English Language Development Program

**What do I do next?**

- Read the ELD Program information.
- Return the Parent Waiver Form if you want to decline any part or all of the ELD Program.
- Contact Ms. Croxton with any questions.

**Dream, Learn, Achieve.**  
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