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English Learners Program

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Philosophy & Purpose:

The MSD of Warren Township's EL (English Learners) Program serves students in grades kindergarten through grade 12 whose academic English language skills are not at grade level due to speaking more than one language.

This program was designed as a part of Warren's commitment that all children will be successful. In addition to preparing to be good citizens, all students will graduate with preparation for a job, an apprenticeship, a military career, or college.

Procedures:

The EL program is available at all of the schools in the township. When a parent registers their child for Kindergarten they complete a home language survey. The following procedures will be taken when a parent completes the Home Language Survey Form and lists that the student speaks more than one language:

- ❖ Upon registering for school the LAS Links Placement Test or the LAS Links Annual Test results will be used to determine English language proficiency level and if the student qualifies for the program.
- ❖ Classroom teacher observation, grades, standardized test scores and parental input will be taken into account when placement is made.
- ❖ Once level of need has been identified, services are designed according to the individual student's needs and an Individual Language Plan (ILP) is written.

The ILP details accommodations students may receive as well as instructional strategies for their classroom teachers to use.

- ❖ The LAS Links Annual Exam will be given in January of each school year to determine progress made.

Elementary and Intermediate Academy Programs:

Both pullout and inclusion models are used for instruction for all EL students in grades Kindergarten through six based on the individual needs of the student. Students receive a minimum of 60 minutes of instruction daily from a certified teacher. Specialized EL instruction is provided by licensed EL teachers with additional support from instructional assistants.

Middle School Program:

Service is provided for all EL middle level students. The models used are a language arts and social studies inclusion model with an additional pullout class for the students with the greatest needs.

Warren Central High School:

Service is offered to high school students during an ENL class. The students take this class (by proficiency level) to acquire English language skills. High school elective or language arts credit is possible for this class. This class is also available to students in the monitoring process. There is also an ENL Resource Study Hall available for students. After-school tutoring is available for students needing additional assistance with schoolwork.

Benefits of the EL Program:

- ❖ Students receive individualized instruction based on their academic English needs.
- ❖ Students are taught by certified teachers with an endorsement in EL.
- ❖ Bilingual support staff is available as needed.
- ❖ Academic assistance is available during the school day.
- ❖ After-school tutoring is available at many of the EL schools.
- ❖ Peer facilitation allows English and non-English speaking students to learn from each other.
- ❖ English language courses are available for parents at the Walker Career Center.

There are thirty different languages represented in the school corporation with more than 900 EL students being serviced.