

AUES English Language Learner Program Description 2021-22

The district is providing services to English Learners to ensure that they are acquiring English language proficiency and recouping any academic deficits that may have been incurred in other areas of the core curriculum. AUES provides additional and appropriate educational services to English Learners in kindergarten through 8th grade in any and all classroom situations. These services are for the purposes of enabling English Learners to overcome language barriers until they have demonstrated English language proficiency comparable to that of the district's average native English speakers. Arena has hired a Bilingual Para Educator and an ELD Teacher to support the academic growth of all ELD Students and Programs.

The support programs for English Learners at AUES are designed to help students acquire fluency in English, academic language, and to provide equal access to the academic core curriculum. It is a requirement upon hiring that all teachers hold a CLAD or EL authorization to ensure that highly qualified teachers teach students English Language Development (ELD). At the K-5 level, ELD support is delivered by the classroom teacher. In grades 6-8, student learning is supported through district-adopted texts, supplemental materials, and through paraprofessional assistance.

ELD instruction is aligned to the CCSS English Language Arts and English Language Development standards and is based on the student's level of English proficiency. ELD instruction is provided to all English Learners until reclassified as fluent English proficient (RFEP).

Language Acquisition Programs

Language acquisition programs are educational programs designed to ensure English acquisition occurs as rapidly and effectively as possible, and provides instruction to English Learners based on the CCSS, including English language development (ELD) standards.

All English Learners receive instruction in content areas through the following:

- *Integrated English language development* ELD is provided during core instruction (*content of lesson with language support*)
- *Designated English language development* ELD is provided during small group and individualized instruction for 30 minutes a day (*language skills, using content from regular curriculum*)
- Additional support will be provided by bilingual paraprofessionals throughout the school day and the After-School Program

AUES offers the following program:

Structured English Immersion (SEI): A classroom setting where English Learners who have not yet acquired reasonable fluency in English, as defined by the school district, receive instruction through an English language acquisition process, in which