

## ELL Overview For Benson Parents

The ELL program at Benson primary school is a mandated state program that is for English Language Learners. According to the state of Illinois an English Language Learner is a student that speaks or is exposed to another language other than English in their home. This program gives access to language support services for students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds that have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs). These services will assist them to become lifelong learners, able to contribute to and function in a multicultural and globally competitive world.

Students at Benson are screened for possible services from age 3 to 8. If they qualify they will begin receiving services usually by the third week of school. Students will remain in the program until they have achieved the required exit criteria deemed by the state.

For each grade level the ELL instructor uses the same curriculum that is being taught by the student's classroom teacher. The ELL instructor meets with a small group of students to reinforce skills taught by the classroom teacher, and to also introduce strategies in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Depending on the grade level and circumstances, the ELL instructor will either meet with the qualified ELL student in the ELL classroom, or push into the student's classroom and work there.

Amount of ELL time given to qualified students

Grade Level

Day/Time

Early Childhood	2 days a week/15 min.
Kindergarten Prep	2 days a week/15 min.
Kindergarten	5 days a week/20 min.
First Grade	5 days a week/30 min.
Second Grade	5 days a week/30 min.

Screening students for ELL services

Grade Level

Assessment

Early Childhood	Pre-IPT
Kindergarten Prep	Pre-IPT
Kindergarten	W-APT, Pre-LAS
First Grade	Pre-LAS, LAS O, W-APT
Second Grade	LAS O, LAS R/W, W-APT

Mid-year State Assessment for Qualified ELLs

Grade Level

Assessment

Kindergarten	Model K
First Grade	ACCESS
Second Grade	ACCESS

End of the Year Assessment for Qualified ELLs

Grade Level

Assessment

Kindergarten Prep	Pre-IPT
Kindergarten	Pre-LAS
First Grade	Pre-LAS, LAS O
Second Grade	LAS O, LAS R/W

