

## Things You Can Do at Home to Help Your Child at School

- Read to your child and have him or her read to you in your native language and non-native language
- Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading to check for understanding
- Ask your child about school and show interest in what he or she is sharing with you
- Enforce that school attendance is a must!
- Encourage your child to be the best student he or she can be
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep every night
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast every day
- Set limits on the amount of television he or she watches
- Encourage your child to develop his or her native language skills along with his or her English skills

## Communication

Education is a partnership between home and school. We value parent involvement at all levels, and we encourage you to partner with us for your child's education. In order for this partnership to be effective, we need to communicate.

Please call, write a note, or email us if you have questions or would like to know more about our plan for your child's education. We are always available to schedule a conference with you and/or with your child's classroom teacher in order to discuss any issues or concerns you might have regarding your child.

Translators are available at no cost through the West De Pere School District. If you speak a language other than English you may request a translator. You may also communicate with us in your native language, and we will have it translated as quickly as possible.

We look forward partnering together on your child's educational journey!



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# West De Pere School District



**The Parent's Guide to**

**English Language Learner**

**Services in the**

**West De Pere School District**



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# West De Pere's ELL Program

## Student Learning Plan



Upon entering the West De Pere District, all families are asked to provide information regarding the languages spoken in the home now or in the past. If the language is one other than English, additional information will be gathered, which could include: reviewing previous school records, using classroom teacher reports and assessments, and assessing your child's language proficiency using a screening test.

If it has been determined that your child qualifies for ELL services, you will be notified, and with your permission, a plan of service will be developed for your child's individual needs.

The ELL staff will assist your child in making progress toward English Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement in Reading and Math by our ELL staff.

West De Pere follows a program of Content-based ESL, which means that students are placed in regular education classrooms, with English as the language of instruction, with assistance from ELL staff in order to gain proficiency in English and academic achievement in the content areas. Pull-out services are also used and determined according to the child's need.

A Student Learning Plan is developed by your child's ELL teacher in conjunction with you and your child's classroom teacher. The plan will include the following:

- Your child's English language proficiency and how it is determined
- Current academic progress, including State mandated test scores
- Areas of concern to be focused on during the upcoming year, including goals and standards
- Methods of support your child will be receiving in order to improve English language acquisition and academic achievement
- When or how your child will be removed from the ELL services

This plan will be developed within the first 30 days of school or two weeks following your child's arrival at our school.

This plan requires your parental signature, your child's signature, and the signature of your child's ELL teacher.

## Your Rights as the Parent

You have the right to be involved in all steps of your child's education in the West De Pere School District. We welcome and encourage communication between our school and you, the parents. If you feel the Student Learning Plan won't work for your child, you have the right to refuse any services we offer.

## Parent Involvement

We want to make sure that you are involved and feel welcome in our school community. Please look for Tuesday notes that come home with your child every week to stay informed about school activities. You are also mailed quarterly newsletters from the district. If you have any questions about either of these, please contact our District Office. You are also encouraged to join the Parent-Teacher Organization.

You play a vital role in your child's education! We need your help to make your child's educational journey a success!

