

Middle School ELL Program

The middle school ELL Program offers English language learners a series of courses to assist them in attaining English language proficiency and in meeting state learning standards.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

- The middle school ESL curriculum is tied to the Common Core State Standards and Illinois English Language Development Standards.
- ESL English classes provide students with the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills necessary to attain English language proficiency and meet state learning standards.
- ESL is taught using current instructional strategies that emphasize active, discovery-oriented, and cognitively complex learning.
- ESL English is offered as a Core class.

Bilingual Education (not offered at every school)

- In addition to ESL instruction, in buildings where there is a TBE Program, students receive native literacy instruction and/or native language support.
- Bilingual Reading classes are designed to develop the native language literacy skills of English language learners whose first language is Spanish. The focus of this class is on reading, writing, and grammar skills. Placement in Bilingual Reading is based upon students' Spanish language proficiency.
- Bilingual Reading is offered as an Encore Class.