

Helpful Links and Resources

- **Griffin-Spalding County School System Parent Resource Center:** <http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us/documents/Students%20and%20Families/Parent%20Engagement/2020%20Parent%20Engagement%20Documents/Griffin-Spalding%20County%20School%20System%20Parent%20Resource%20Center%20Flyer%20.pdf>
- **Google Classroom 101 and the Power of Infinite Campus Parent EL Event Video:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pTzpgc9pvsdm5oQWM28E1VoXGjQexq7/view?usp=sharing>
- **Google Classroom 101 and the Power of Infinite Campus Parent Event Video:** <http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us/Students--Parents/Family-and-Community-Engagement/index.html>
- **Google Classroom Tutorials for Families:** <https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/instructionaltech/tutorials/teacher-tutorials/google-classroom>
- **Griffin-Spalding County School System Testing Calendar:** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s6DPFG1aEd0V1ifsdq0cHIBHUWuYc4a3qzuV0Qk\\_S8/edit#gid=1006963355](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s6DPFG1aEd0V1ifsdq0cHIBHUWuYc4a3qzuV0Qk_S8/edit#gid=1006963355)

DATE TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 16-18  
MS & HS Sem. Final Exams

Dec. 18  
Last Day for Students

Dec. 21-Jan. 5  
Winter Break

Jan. 6  
Students return to school

Jan. 13-Mar. 5  
ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs Administration

DISTRICT PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

At the district Parent Resource Center, parents can find books, brochures, hands-on activities and computers with internet access.

District Parent Resource Center  
Parent Services Center  
Room B112  
234 E. Taylor Street  
Griffin, GA

To make an appointment, please contact Lisa Bates at (770) 229-3710 ext 10237 or at [lisa.bates@gscs.org](mailto:lisa.bates@gscs.org).

School Parent Resource Center

Each school has a parent resource center. Please contact your school's parent liaison(s) for resource center hours and a list of resources.

# EL 411 Newsletter



## WHAT IS WIDA?

World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) provides language development resources to those who support the academic success of multilingual learners. We offer a comprehensive, research-based system of language standards, assessments, professional learning and educator assistance. WIDA's trusted resources are used by 41 domestic states and territories and more than 300 international schools throughout the world.

WIDA is part of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, a top-five university in the field of education. WIDA is housed in the [Wisconsin Center for Education Research](http://www.wisc.edu/wcer) (WCER), one of the first, largest, and most productive education research centers in the world. WCER has assisted scholars and practitioners to develop, submit, conduct, and share grant-funded education research for more than 50 years.

More information can be located at <https://wida.wisc.edu/about/mission-history>

## Harms of Copyright Piracy

A survey was conducted with the following findings:

- Students are accessing learning resources in both print and digital forms.
- Students are accessing these resources legally and illegally without knowing the difference.

For more information regarding Copyright Piracy for students <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/videos/teaching-kids-about-copyright-piracy>.

Link

- Title I
- How to monitor your child's progress
- State and Local Assessments

Literacy Tips

Parents and caregivers can have a big impact on their children's education. By providing learning opportunities and support at home you can help encourage learning from an early age, right through to high school.

See literacy tips <http://education.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/2370914/ten-literacy-tips-for-parents-and-caregivers>.

Technology

\*For students who have been identified to receive EL services, contact your child's ESOL teacher for the student's log in information to the following programs:

\*[www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)

Personalize learning programs for K-12 students in Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies

\*[www.learninga-z.com](http://www.learninga-z.com)

Resources that equips students in grades K-5 with the skills they need for success in literacy

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

Free online educational games for PreK-5 in Math and ELA and no username and password needed.

## BENEFITS FOR LEARNING ENGLISH

Cultivating English learner student's home language reaps benefits for learning English.

How? Encourage Spanish language development and nurture literacy in the home by having children hear, speak, read, and write a broad range of words in their home language.

Why? Studies conducted by the American Institutes for Research show more than 80 % of English learner students in 2010 started kindergarten at the lowest English proficiency level. Those classified as fluent were reclassified by grade 4 or 5.

The study students with higher Spanish proficiency in kindergarten were more likely than student with low medium levels of Spanish proficiency to achieve that English fluent proficiency status.