

Who is the Multilingual Learner?

Multilingual learners (MLLs) are those students whose primary or first language is one other than English or who live in a home where a second language is spoken. Federal and state regulations mandate that local school districts provide appropriate services as well as equitable and effective learning opportunities for all Multilingual learners to ensure that MLLs have the language support they need to succeed in a school setting.

The ESL Program in Chariho

The Chariho Public School system has developed a language program to support students who are Multilingual learners. The program's method of instruction is a collaborative English as a Second Language (ESL) and general education model, which supports the students both in and out of the classroom. The ESL teacher works in close collaboration with the general

education teacher to deliver content instruction.

The Program's Goals for Students:

- To develop social and academic language in English as listed in the World-Class Design and Assessment (WIDA) standards
- To succeed in general education classes
- To encourage students to actively participate in both classroom and in extracurricular activities

Features of the Program

- Supports the development of English in the four language domains: listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Instruction tailored to the individual needs of students
- Sheltered instruction for beginning MLLs
- All instruction is delivered in the English language

Screening and Assessments

- Home Language Survey, to be completed upon registration and enrollment in the school
- Individual parent interview
- Language Screening Assessment
- ACCESS for ELLs, English language test conducted every year to determine a student's language proficiency

Program Supports

- Parent and family events
- Mailings and phone calls (translations when available)
- State Advisory Committee and School Improvement Team meetings



How Can Parents Support Their Children at Home?

- Read, tell stories, and sing in the native language
- Talk to their children about their school day
- Check homework folder/agenda and school on-line platforms daily
- Set aside a quiet place for students to study and read
- Attend parent meetings when possible

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For more information on the WIDA standards:

<https://wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld>

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Chariho Regional Schools Multilingual Learners Program Grades K – 12



A Program Guide for Students and Families



