

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOKLINE
Office of English Learner Education

This document includes information about programs that the Office of English Learner Education (ELE) offers to English learners (ELs) and their families to help them successfully transition into a new school environment.

ELE Community Lounge is a monthly workshop series designed to inform, empower, and connect families with school and community resources. We explore various themes each month featuring a different community representative as a speaker. This is a place for parents/guardians to express their concerns, ask questions, and gain new and additional knowledge about American life and the educational system in the United States. The workshop takes place at noon on the first Friday of each month at the Brookline Town Hall.

ELE Community Resource Fair is a free biennial event connecting local organizations with the families to provide cultural, religious, social, academic, recreational, and other resources. Representatives from numerous organizations come to host tables with information.

ELE Conversation Group for Adults is a weekly English class for parents/guardians of ELs to practice their spoken English and discuss school-related topics with a trained facilitator. Agendas include conversational skills, pronunciation tips, basic grammar rules, American idioms/phrases, and holidays/calendar events. It is a great chance for families to make new friends and meet people from all over the world. Class meets Friday mornings for one hour at the Brookline Town Hall.

ELE Family Fest is an end-of-school year event to congratulate students for all of their hard work with fun games, mini sport lessons, performances, and raffle prizes. All families are invited to enjoy and engage with other families and teachers from across the district and celebrate the end of the school year as a community.

ELE Literacy Program is a literacy support program for emerging and struggling readers in grades 1-4 and their caregivers. The class meets every Friday for one hour at the Brookline Main Library. Parents/guardians of young children are encouraged to participate and learn basic reading and writing strategies which they can employ at home to maximize their children's learning experience.

ELE Resource Library is a place where parents/guardians can come and borrow educational materials including games, leveled reading books, non-fiction books, books-on-CDs, workbooks, and dictionaries in various languages. The ELE Resource Library is housed in the Brookline Education Resource Center (BERC) and open Thursdays between 2 pm and 4 pm. Other times may be available upon request. English learning materials for adults are also available.

Beginning in school year 2018-2019:

English Learner Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC) is a committee made up of parent volunteers that provides support for children's English learning education. EL PAC participates in the evaluation and development of the district's ELE program. Any parent(s)/guardian(s) of ELs is welcome to become a volunteer and/or a representative on advisory councils available in the district.

*For more information on the programs listed above or further assistance, please contact the
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