

Services for English Language Learners

The purpose of the English Language Learning (ELL) department at Graystone Academy is to give English language instruction to non-native English speaking children, enabling them to function successfully in the classroom. Our goal is to increase the students' language proficiency levels in the skill areas of listening, reading, writing, and speaking so that they may acquire the academic language necessary to progress in their educational development.

Students are identified for ELL services through enrollment, via the Home Language Survey (HLS). Students with a language other than English listed on the HLS are screened for participation in the ELL Program. Services are based on the students' developmental and instructional levels, and delivered through different combinations of pull-out instruction, co-teaching, and content instruction. Parental involvement in the school is strongly encouraged, and students are welcome to participate in all activities.

Consistent with state and federal laws, students receive instruction until they exit from the program. Currently the Pennsylvania Department of Education exit criteria is a score of "basic" on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), and scores of 5.0 on a Tier C ACCESS for Ells Assessment.