

FAQ's About English Learner Services in Travis Unified School District

- ❖ What does being an "English Learner" mean? Students who speak a language other than English are English Learners and frequently are bilingual. Being bilingual is an important skill for people looking for jobs after high school and college.
- ❖ What if my student was an English Learner in the previous district? A student who was an English Learner (EL) in a previous district remains an EL in the new district. EL status can't be changed from district to district and can only be changed by reclassifying an EL student as "English proficient." Reclassification is based on the EL student's score on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) or the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC).
- ❖ What services does an English Learner student receive in Travis USD? EL students in grades kindergarten - 6th grade receive 30 minutes per day of English Language Development (ELD). This ELD is designed to accelerate English Language achievement while supporting classroom instruction. EL students at the middle and high schools receive 1 to 2 periods of ELD instruction per day. Accelerating English achievement for 7th-12th grade students is even more important because they have less time to catch up before graduation.
- ❖ What are the CELDT and ELPAC? CELDT is the State's test for English learners new to California schools. New EL students take the test in the fall. The ELPAC is the State's test for ELs not new to California. Both tests help us determine how much language support the student needs and whether the student is ready for "reclassification," the process for exiting from English learner status.
- ❖ What curriculum is used for ELD in Travis USD? Elementary schools use *Reach*, a National Geographic program. They also use a computer program called *Imagine Learning English*. Our middle school uses *Inside*, a National Geographic program, and *English 3D*, a Scholastic program. *Edge*, also from National Geographic, is used at the high school. Students love the instructional programs from National Geographic. They are beautifully illustrated and students make connections to the stories because they can relate to them.