

English Learners



The Bethel Public Schools ESL Program serves students identified as English learners. We examine the needs of each student as an individual, and provide instruction and support accordingly. We recognize the tremendous advantages of bilingualism and biculturalism, and we celebrate what our English learners and their families bring to our community.

How does our ESL Program help English Learners (ELs)?

The ESL Program helps students to develop their proficiency in English, and to succeed alongside their peers in the classroom. ESL Staff look carefully at the strengths and needs of each individual student and plan ESL services accordingly. In many cases, this involves a combination of support within the classroom (called “push-in”), and focused instruction in the ESL room (called “pull-out”). While we emphasize vocabulary development, we address all language areas (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) in compliance with current research and all state and federal mandates.

[Connecticut Position Statement on the Education of Students who are English Learners](#)

[Connecticut English Language Proficiency \(CELP\) Standards](#)

[Resources for Families of Multiple Languages](#)