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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you of new and exciting changes to our middle and high school English Learner Program. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, Glendale Unified School District will be implementing The College Board's *SpringBoard* English Language Arts (ELA) and English Language Development (ELD) curriculum in grades 6-12. *SpringBoard* ELD is a program dedicated to amplifying the skills and knowledge of English learners to ensure that every student is ready for challenging English language arts coursework as well as for college, career, and civic life.

Beginning next year (2019-2020), English learners at the expanding and bridging language proficiencies will be enrolled in one grade level ELA course and one grade level ELD course aligned to their English Language Arts course work.

Students at the emerging language proficiency will receive intensive ELD instruction, supplemented by the *SpringBoard* curriculum, in a two-period ELD block to support them in acquiring basic English language communication skills in social and academic contexts. Middle and high school Emerging students will be in combined grade level ELD courses.

New GUSD English Learner Pathway Model

Middle School

Grade (Expanding & Bridging English Learners)	ELD Course	English Course
Grade 6	ELD 6	English 6
Grade 7	ELD 7	English 7
Grade 8	ELD 8	English 8

High School

Grade (Expanding & Bridging English Learners)	ELD Course	English Course
Grade 9	ELD 9	English 9
Grade 10	ELD 10	English 10
Grade 11	ELD 11	English 11
Grade 12	ELD 12	English 12

Glendale Unified School District is committed to supporting our English Learners in their development of academic English language proficiency, and we look forward to providing a successful educational experience through our new pathway model.

Please contact the teacher specialist or counselor at your student's school for more information about GUSD's ELD program.

Sincerely,

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 Interim Superintendent of Schools