



Welcome to Horizon ESL program

Madison City schools recognizes that within our district there are students who have a primary language other than English. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) program is designed to help our English Learners become proficient in English, while encouraging the use of their native language at home.

How do we identify English Learners?

At registration, every family completes a Home Language Survey. If a language other than English is indicated on the survey, students in Grades K-12 must take the WIDA MODEL/WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT). These assessment tools measure a student's English language proficiency on a scale of 1.0 – 6.0. We use the proficiency score, classroom teacher input, and other available assessment data to determine eligibility for our ESL program. Parents have the right to waive ESL services.

About the ESL Program at Horizon

At Horizon we offer instructional and assessment accommodations in the regular classroom based on each student English language Proficiency level. Our ESL instructional program is designed to teach ELs explicitly about the English language, including the academic language needed to access content instruction, and to develop their English Language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In addition, our English learners receive 30 minutes of small group English Instruction provided by a certified ESL Teacher four days a week.

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Parent Communication App

<http://talkingpts.org>



Languages

represented at HRZN:

Arabic

Chinese

Cantonese

Greek

Gujarati

French

Japanese

Korean

Mandarin

Russian

Spanish

Telugu

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

