

# English Learner Program Process

## 1. Entering the EL Program

- A student's home language is not standard American English.
- District staff refers the student for a possible English proficiency assessment.
- The student scores below proficient on the English assessment.
- The student qualifies for EL Program services.

## 2. EL Program Services in Schools

- EL teachers provide the student with English Learner Program services appropriate to the student's level of language proficiency.
- EL instruction includes English language development and academic language and content support.

## 3. English Proficiency Assessment

- The student takes a yearly English assessment as required by the state. This assessment is called the ACCESS for ELLs.
- EL services continue until the student reaches proficiency on the ACCESS for ELLs.
- On average, it takes a student 5-7 years to reach proficiency in English.

## 4. Exiting the EL Program

- The student reaches English proficiency on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment.
- The student is exited from the EL Program. He/she no longer receives EL services and does not participate in ACCESS for ELLs testing.