The goal of EL instruction in the Osseo Area Schools is to support English learners in achieving the English language proficiency needed to succeed academically and to realize personal, social, and career goals. EL teachers work in collaboration with both general education and specialist teachers to design a comprehensive instructional program for each student. EL teachers review data throughout the school year to determine how a student progresses through the EL program.

Overview of the EL Program at the Elementary Level

Students who are eligible for EL services are assigned an EL level (1-5) based on a language assessment. EL teachers provide supplemental English language development instruction for all students at levels 1-5 and collaborate with grade-level teachers to provide access to content and support language development.

EL Level 5: Bridging

English Language Development and Core Content Support:

Provided through small group, co-teaching, or other collaborative

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• Instruction focuses on the area(s) of language development that requires continued emphasis as indicated by a language assessment.

EL Level 4: Expanding

English Language Development: Focuses on area(s) of language development that needs most support as indicated by a language assessment. Instruction is aligned with language and content standards.

Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5
Small group services	Small group services	Small group services
30 minutes a day	30 minutes a day	30 minutes a day
5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week

Core content support is provided in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies through small group, co-teaching, or other collaborative services.

EL Level 3: Developing

English Language Development Support: Instruction is aligned with language and content standards.

Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5
Small group services	Small group services	Small group services
30 minutes a day	30 minutes a day	30 minutes a day
5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week

Core content support is provided in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies through small group, co-teaching, or other collaborative services.

EL Level 2: Emerging

English Language Development Support: Instruction is aligned with language and content standards.

Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5
Small group services	Small group services	Small group services
30-45 minutes a day	30-45 minutes a day	60 minutes a day
5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week

Core content support is provided in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies through small group, co-teaching, or other collaborative services.

EL Level 1: Entering

English Language Development Support:

Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5
Small group services	Small group services	Small group services
30-45 minutes a day	30-45 minutes a day	60 minutes a day
5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week

Core content support is provided in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies through small group, coteaching, or other collaborative services.

EL services may vary slightly from one school to another.

Times listed are minimum direct EL service times.