



Waterford Township
School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Waterford Township School District is committed to supporting the academic needs of its students. Based on your child's reading level, ACCESS for ELLs performance and proficiency levels, and teacher recommendation, we have determined that your child will continue to receive instruction in our district's English Language Services Program (ELS Program).

The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment was used to measure your child's reading level. Instructional Level Expectations for Reading are described in terms of four levels: Does Not meet Expectations – Below Level L, Approaches Expectations – Level L, Meets Expectations – Level M, and Exceeds Expectations – Level N. Your child's reading proficiency levels based on both assessments are listed below:

Fountas & Pinnell Reading Level =
ACCESS for ELLs Language Proficiency Test =

The goal of the district's ELS Program is to help your child learn English and meet age and grade appropriate academic and state standards. Your child will receive English instruction for up to 2 ½ hours each week with a New Jersey Certified Teacher for the entire school year and in accordance with our English Language Services Plan. We will keep you informed of progress through reports and conferences.

We will evaluate your child at the end of the school year using multiple criteria to determine if/when program services are no longer needed. These criteria include classroom performance, judgment of teaching staff members, reading and writing levels, and ACCESS for ELLs English Language Proficiency Tests. Most students participate in the program for a period of three (3) years; however, you may remove your child from the ELS Program by providing a written request to the school principal.

If your child has a learning disability, improvement in your child's ability to speak, read, and write in English will help meet the objectives of the Individualized Education Program.

We ask for your support and cooperation to make this a fine year for your child, with much academic and emotional growth. If concerns arise or if you need assistance translating school communications, I strongly encourage you to contact us for answers or clarification. As always, I join my colleagues in expressing our thanks for your assistance, trust, and confidence. It is our goal to bring quality education to each and every child in our community.

Enclosed is a permission form for you to sign and return in the envelope provided acknowledging that you have been informed of the participation in our ELS Program. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's academic success.

Sincerely,

Julie C. Lyons

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Enclosure



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WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES PROGRAM 2022-2023

(PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE)

I have been informed that my child will be a participant in the English Language Services Program during the 2022-2023 school year.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

/s/
ELSReply