

Supporting English Language Learners

All students new to the district are required by state law to complete a Home Language Survey. If parents/guardians answer "yes" to one of the two questions in the Home Language Survey, students will then be administered the ISBE prescribed screening instrument. Currently the preschool classrooms use the Pre-IPT. The purpose of the screening instrument is to determine the student's eligibility for ELL education services and, if eligible, the appropriate placement for the student. Scores obtained from the Pre-IPT, as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) determines student's ELL eligibility. Students who score below ISBE's definition of English language proficiency for students in Illinois schools are eligible to receive ELL services. Parents can accept or refuse ELL placement recommendations. If a parent chooses to refuse the ELL services a waiver form must be signed. Regardless of participation in the program. Both preschool teachers have their ESL endorsement to teach ELL students.