

# *School District of West Salem*

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## **Bilingual-Bicultural Education Program**

The School District of West Salem has established a Bilingual/ English as a second language (ELL) program to assist children who are English language learners, with learning English and succeeding academically within the school district. Children who are eligible typically come from families where a language other than English is spoken at home or from other countries via adoption or immigration. The Bilingual/ELL program provides:

1. Instruction in reading, writing, and speaking the English language, and
2. Through the use of the native language of the limited- English proficient pupil, instruction in the subjects necessary to permit the pupil to progress effectively through the educational system. Students are identified for participation in the ELL program through the student's registration card, a Home Language Survey that indicates a language other than English is spoken at home, or a referral to ELL by school staff, parent, or guardian. Students referred for ELL are assessed by ELL certified teachers to determine if the student meets entrance criteria for the program. Written parent permission is required for admission into the ELL program.