



## Celebration of Diversity

In Millard Schools, we celebrate the cultural and linguistic diversity of our students and their families. We want to support you in maintaining your home culture and language and we want to help your child integrate into the American school culture and learn academic English as it is used in school. We believe English language learners should have the same opportunities as their non-ELL peers and we strive to provide the social and academic language instruction that will support them in reaching their highest potential. It would be our honor to serve your child through our program.

### ELL Program Sites

Cather Elementary School  
 Disney Elementary School  
 Holling Heights Elementary School  
 Montclair Elementary School  
 Sandoz Elementary School  
 Willowdale Elementary School  
 Millard Central Middle School  
 Millard South High School

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## English Language Learner (ELL) Program

# Our goal is to help your child succeed in school and beyond!

The purpose of the English Language Learner Program (ELL) is to provide English language instruction to limited and non-English speaking students who enter our community and require these services. It is the goal of the program to assist students in becoming full participants in the general education program.

Research shows that having a program for English development is more beneficial than not having one (Saunders and Goldenberg, 2010). This is to say that students who are acquiring English as an additional language are more likely to be successful in school if they receive direct English language instruction.

The Millard School District has consistently met federal goals for increasing the English proficiency of ELL students.

The 4-year high school graduation rate of students who have at one time participated in the ELL program during their schooling in Millard is 79%.



## A Unique Experience

ELL program sites are wonderfully diverse schools which offer all students opportunities to interact with and learn from children from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.



Children who participate in the ELL program typically create a strong student-teacher relationship with their ELL teacher that lasts throughout the child's years in that school and beyond. ELL classrooms are caring and supportive places to learn academic language.

All instruction is in English, though some support in native language may be provided, as appropriate. Students spend the majority of the school day mainstreamed in the general education program, receiving relevant, meaningful support services from highly trained ELL teachers in ELL classes. Typically, a student will spend two to four years in the ELL Program.

Many high school ELL students are engaged in a variety of extra-curricular activities and go on to participate in post-secondary education after graduation.

## Qualification

When a family wishes to enroll a child or children in Millard Public Schools, they begin by completing the online registration form, which includes the following home language questions:

- What language did the student first learn to speak?
- What language is spoken most often by the student?
- What language does the student most frequently use at home?

If one or more of these questions is answered other than English, the child is eligible for language testing to determine if he or she qualifies for the ELL Program.

If the student qualifies for the ELL Program, and with the parents' permission, he or she will be enrolled in an ELL program school. Transportation will be provided from the home school to the ELL program school.

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