

<b>Topic</b>	How to Successfully Support ELLs and their Parents
<b>Overview</b>	<p><b>English Language Learners (ELLs)</b> are students who come from non-English speaking homes and who are learning English.</p> <p>Although many ELL students have developed basic communication skills in English, they may still struggle with academic language. This disconnect can make classroom instruction challenging, and calls for intentional planning and modifications in the student’s academic settings.</p>
<b>Fast Facts</b>	<p>According to <a href="#">Renaissance</a>, the number of ELL students is growing rapidly in the United States. <b>It is estimated that by 2025, 25 percent of students could be ELL students.</b> Just like native English-speaking students, not all ELL students are alike.</p> <p>In a report by the National Center for Education Statistics on <a href="#">English Language Learners in Public Schools</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The percentage of public school students in the United States who were English language learners (ELLs) was higher in fall 2018 (10.2 percent, or 5.0 million students) than in fall 2010 (9.2 percent, or 4.5 million students). In fall 2018, the percentage of public school students who were ELLs ranged from 0.8 percent in West Virginia to 19.4 percent in California.</li> <li>● In fall 2018, the percentage of students who were ELLs was higher for school districts in more urbanized locales than for those in less urbanized locales. ELL students constituted an average of 14.9 percent of total public school enrollment in cities, 9.8 percent in suburban areas, 6.9 percent in towns, and 4.2 percent in rural areas.</li> <li>● In general, a higher percentage of public school students in lower grades than of those in upper grades were ELL students in fall 2018. For example, 15.1 percent of kindergarteners were ELL students, compared with 8.9 percent of 6th-graders and 7.4 percent of 8th-graders. Among 12th-graders, only 5.1 percent of students were ELL students. This pattern was driven, in part, by students who are identified as ELLs when they enter elementary school but obtain English language proficiency before reaching the upper grades.</li> <li>● Spanish was the home language of 3.8 million ELL public school students in fall 2018, representing 75.2 percent of all ELL students and 7.7 percent of all public K–12 students. Arabic and Chinese were the next most commonly reported home languages (spoken by 135,900 and 102,800 students, respectively).</li> </ul>



<b>Resources</b>	<p><b><u>Planning Tools/Guides</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="#">Do Your Materials Meet English Learners' Needs?</a> (Math / ELA Inventory Guides, PDF)   Learning Forward Journal</li><li>● <a href="#">Academic Partnering Toolkit for Teachers</a> (downloadable PDF)   Flamboyant Foundation</li><li>● <a href="#">Free Resources (Diversity &amp; Inclusion Resources)</a>   First Book Marketplace</li></ul> <p><b><u>Articles/Videos</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Colorín Colorado<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">Ten New ELL Resources for 2022</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Distance Learning for ELLs</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">ELL Family Outreach</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Ten Strategies for Supporting Immigrant Students and Families</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Special Education and English Language Learners</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Creating A Welcoming Classroom</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">8 Strategies for Building Relationships with ELLs</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">The Role of ESL Teachers</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Serving and Supporting Immigrant Students: Information for Schools</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">ELL Resources by Grade</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">School Libraries &amp; ELLs</a></li></ul></li><li>● <a href="#">5 Effective Modeling Strategies for English Learners</a>   Edutopia</li><li>● <a href="#">3 Strategies to Support English Language Learners in Social Studies</a>   Edutopia</li><li>● <a href="#">Supporting English Language Learners Through COVID-19: Resources for Educators</a>   National Education Association</li><li>● <a href="#">Webinars on English-Language Learners</a> (On-demand webinars)   Education Week</li><li>● <a href="#">Three Action Steps to Support Family Involvement in Education</a>   Class Tag</li><li>● <a href="#">Digital Story Helps Dual Language Learner Connect with Classmates</a>   NAEYC</li><li>● <a href="#">What Parents Have to Teach Us About Their Dual Language Children</a>   NAEYC</li><li>● <a href="#">Providing culturally-sensitive, evidenced-based care to the Latinx community</a>   Nevada Today</li></ul>
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