

What is ELD?

English Language Development is a program designed to support English language learners while they learn English.

Students see a Highly Qualified teacher for one period each day as their language arts class. Class sizes are small so students receive more individual instruction and support.

A typical class period includes:

- **Entry task:** a quick review of the previous day's lesson
- **Homework Help:** Students have time each day to ask questions and receive clarification about homework from any of their classes.
- **Lesson:** Students are instructed on English language and grammar. There are also lessons on culture and study skills that assist students in their science, social studies or math classes.
- **Individual Practice:** Students are able to practice new skills in a low stress environment.

ELD students also get to participate in the Food Sense program once a week. This program teaches students about nutrition and healthy cooking.

We strive to make students confident and successful while they are learning English. We value the diversity that they bring.

Food Sense cooking class is so much fun. It teaches us to be healthy

Daniel
7th Grade



Common Questions about ELD

Q: We don't live near North Pines. How will my student get to school?

A: The district will provide bussing from your home to North Pines. The students will arrive in plenty of time to attend classes.

Q: I want my student to learn and make friends with native English speakers. How will they do this if they are in ELD all day?

A: Students are only in the ELD classroom for one hour a day. ELD is their language arts class. All of their other classes are with native English speakers.

Q: I'm worried about my student and the Washington Assessment of Student Learning. Will having my child in ELD help them with the WASL?

A: We work very hard to prepare our students for all aspects of school life and WASL is included. During our ELD classes, we take time to work on WASL preparation and some of the specific problems for English language learners with the WASL. Students enrolled in the ELD program also receive a few accommodations on the WASL.

Q: Can I visit North Pines and the ELD program before I enroll my child?

A: Yes, visits are always welcome. If you would like an interpreter for your visit, please call and an interpreter will be arranged for you. We would love to see you!



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I like having someone help me with my homework.

Jose
7th Grade



I like my ELD homework. It helps me learn.

Monica
6th Grade

ELD is fun because of all the cool people.

Yelena
8th Grade



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How does ELD help your student?

ELD gives students an opportunity to learn and practice English skills, learn about American culture and skills needed to be successful students. Students gain confidence in talking to teachers and other students.

Students also get an environment where they can speak in their native language and be proud of their heritage.

The ELD teacher works closely with content teachers (science, social studies and math) to make modifications of instruction based on the level of the student that will most help student succeed. During these classes, students may receive assistance in note-taking, clarification of lesson content and instructional modifications.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is becoming an important part of our education system. We realize that English language learners struggle with the WASL. Students enrolled in the ELD program receive modifications that help them succeed on the WASL. These modifications include:

Writing: use of bilingual dictionaries

Science and Math: use of a reader to read questions and directions.



We learn about other classes, not just language arts. It helps me get better grades.

Kimberly
8th Grade

About North Pines



Currently North Pines has a student population of 490 students in grades 6, 7, & 8. We offer a wide range of sports programs for our 7th and 8th grades, and a comprehensive intramural program as well. Our students receive instruction in Math, Social Studies, Science, and Language Arts. In addition our curriculum offers band, orchestra, choir, PE, and art. We also offer resource room and self contained special education programs.

Our staff is an excellent mix of new and veteran teachers. We are pleased that two of our staff members are former students. Our staff has received a great deal of training over the last 4 years in the areas of curriculum development and instruction. This was funded by a federal grant program to improve instruction.

We are very proud of our “Cub Pride” program here at North Pines. This program is designed to recognize student success in the classroom and around the school. Cub Pride students enjoy a monthly recognition assembly, ski trips, trips to a theme park, and individual awards. We are very proud of our students and enjoy sharing in their successes.

Go Cubs!



How is a student identified for ELD?

When your student registered for school, a Home Language Survey was completed and indicated that a language other than English is spoken by your child or in the home.

Based on this information, the school assessed your child to determine their eligibility for placement in an English Language Development program. Your child was assessed in reading, writing, Writing conventions, listening/understanding and speaking. Based on this assessment, your child was placed in a level that best meets their needs. These levels are:

Beginning/Advanced Beginning: Very little understanding and usage of English

Intermediate: strong understanding of basic interpersonal communication skills. Difficulty with academic English.

Advanced: Strong understanding and usage of English. Begins to understand figurative and idiomatic language.

Transitional: English skills are similar to native English speaker.

Students placed at the *Beginning/Advanced Beginning, Intermediate* or *Advanced* levels are recommended for ELD services:

Having a teacher that I can go to for help with my English helps me feel confident.

Roman
8th Grade

