

Have questions?

Not sure how to choose
the right instructional program
for your student?

Call the ELA Hotline
at 720-423-2040.

Our bilingual staff is available
to hear your questions and
connect you with answers.

For interpretation services,
call 720-423-8152.

For translation services,
call 720-423-8161.



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ELA-E Secondary School



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Welcome to DPS and ELA

Welcome to Denver Public Schools (DPS) and the English Language Acquisition (ELA) Department. Some children come to DPS knowing another language other than English. These students will learn English in DPS.

We would like to share information about our English Language Acquisition (ELA) Program with you. It will help you choose how your student will learn English. Your student will begin to learn English on the first day of school.

Parental Choice

You will choose the ELA Program that is best for your child. You will be asked to complete a Parent Permission Form. This form will let us know which type of classroom you want for your student. At registration, parents have the following two ELA options to choose from.



At this ELA-E school, you can choose **Option 2—Supported English Instruction.**

Option 2: ELA-E classrooms for students who speak many different languages, including Spanish, and who want to learn English—While your student learns English, he or she will be taught reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies in English. Teachers have special training to help students become fluent in English.

Another option is available. However, this ELA-E school **does not** offer **Option 1—Transitional Native Spanish and English Instruction (TNLI).*** If you want your child to receive Spanish instruction, you have the option of choosing the DPS TNLI Zone school offering ELA-S instruction, and DPS will provide transportation.

Option 1: ELA-S classrooms for Spanish-speaking students—While your child learns English, he or she will receive English Language Development (ELD) and be taught some subjects in Spanish (e.g., reading, math, science, and/or social studies). As your child learns more English, she or he will begin to take fewer classes in Spanish and more classes in English until she or he is enrolled in all English-speaking classes. Teachers can communicate with you in Spanish and are specially trained to teach your students English.

* Beginning with the 2013–2014 school year, the district shall provide TNLI program services in secondary schools with 100 or more Spanish-speaking enrolled ELLs whose English language proficiency is at the intermediate level or below.

We hope this information will help you select the best educational program for your child. People in the school office are available to answer your questions. Thank you for completing your Parent Permission Form.

