

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 are available  
to hear your questions and connect  
you with answers.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

# 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 two ELA options (described on the next page) to choose from.



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.

## You can chose **Option 1—Transitional Native Spanish and English Instruction (TNLI)**

**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 subjects in Spanish and more subjects in English. Teachers can communicate with you in Spanish and are specially trained to teach your student English.

## Or you can chose **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.

