

# SERVING EL STUDENTS IN U-46

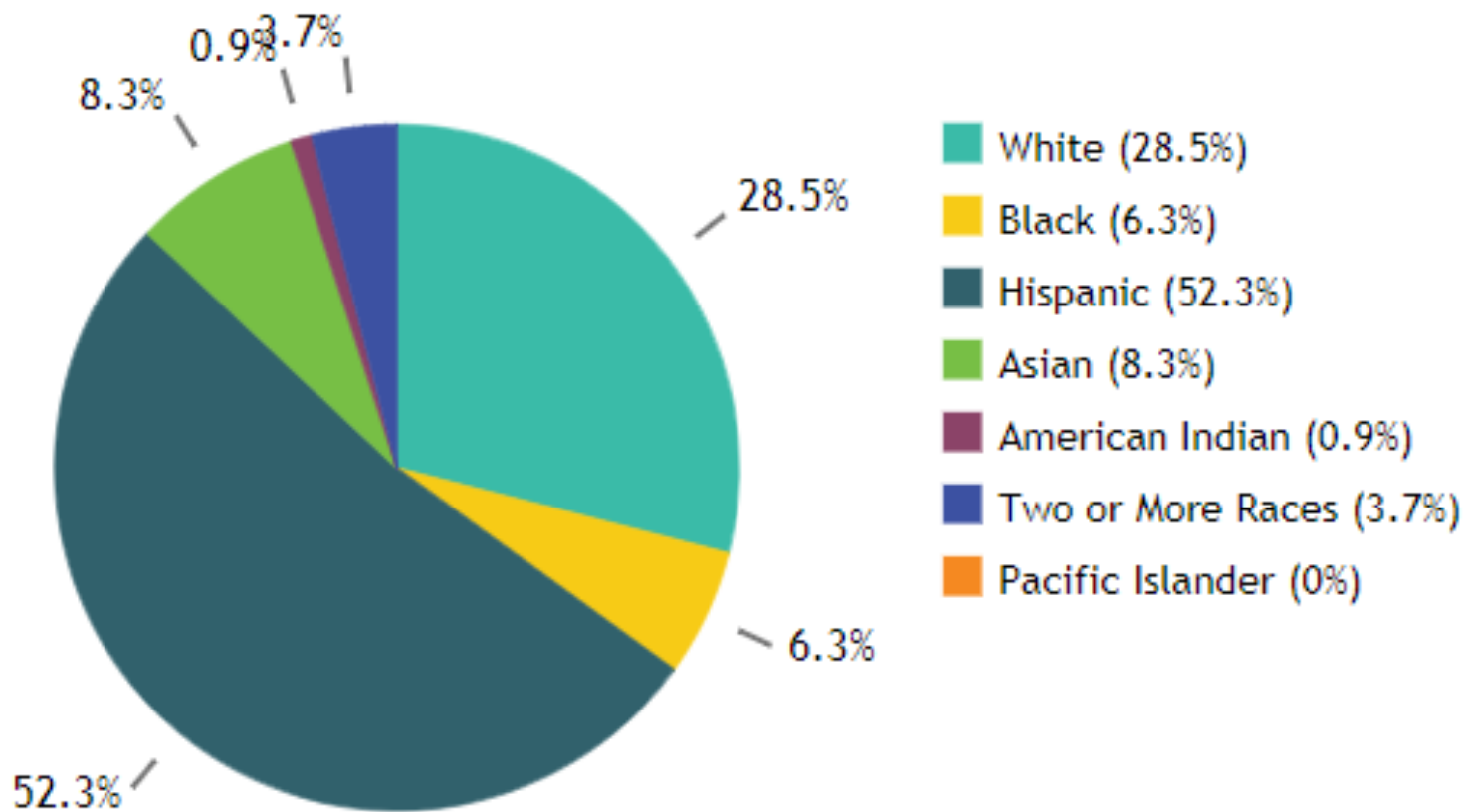
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# U-46 Enrollment

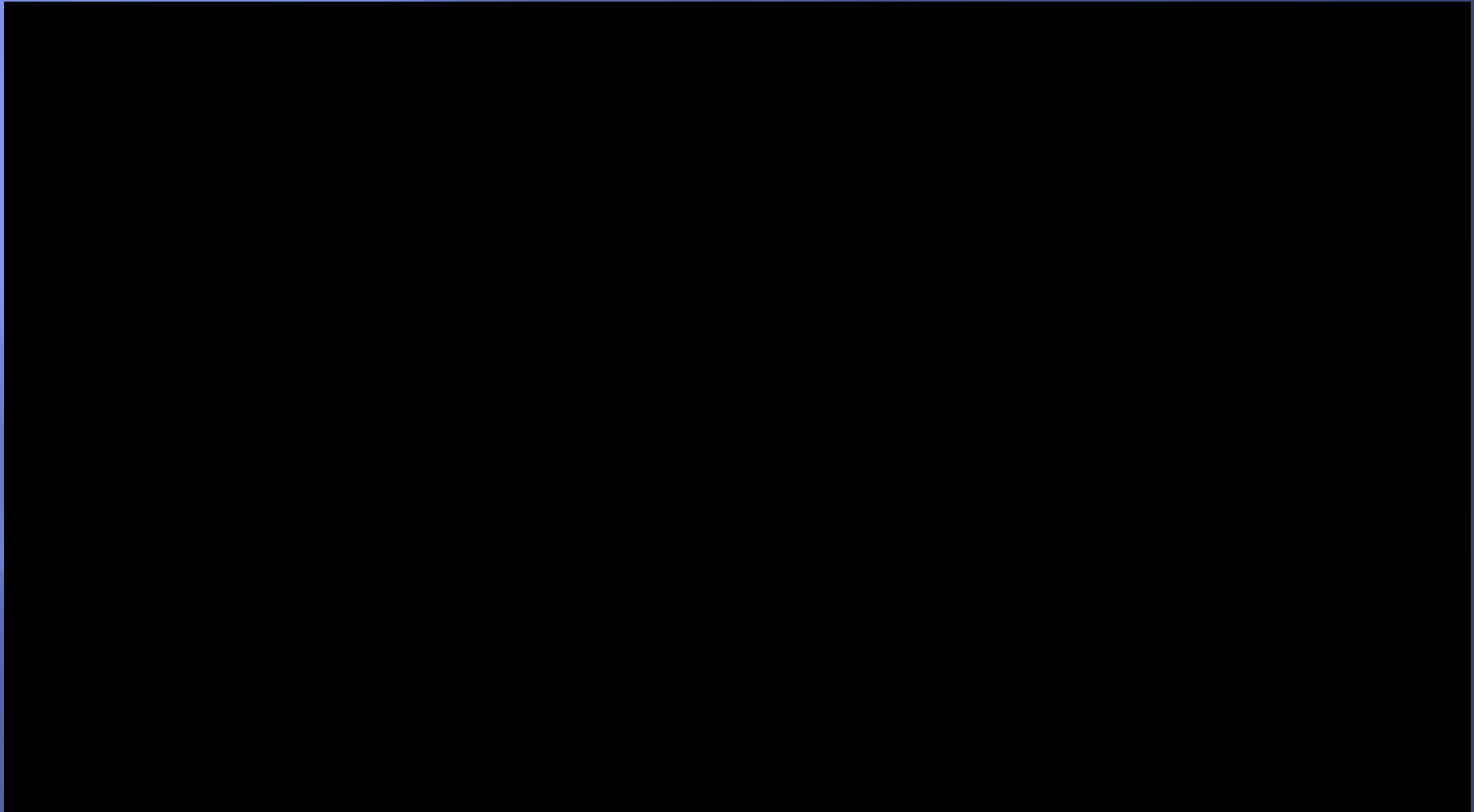
- ▣ 40,000 students
- ▣ 28.4% English Learners
- ▣ 57.8% Low Income
- ▣ 40 Elementary Schools
- ▣ 2 Early Learning Centers



# We Are U-46



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# Dual Language

Dual language programs foster:

- bilingualism
- bi-literacy
- enhanced awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity
- high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages

# Benefits of Dual Language

- Students develop proficiency in two languages.
- Students perform as well as or better than their peers in non-dual language classrooms.
- All students develop a positive sense of self and multicultural competencies.
- Students also develop intercultural and global competence that prepares them to succeed in today's increasingly competitive global society.

# U-46 80:20 Dual Language Program Model

- ▣ Serves Spanish-speaking English Learners in grades PreK through in 30 elementary schools.
- ▣ Students need to have met ISBE's eligibility criteria to receive English Language Learners' (ELL) services in Spanish
- ▣ Two-Way (TW) Dual Language Programs is available as an enrichment program at 20 of the 30 elementary schools that currently have the ELL Program in Spanish.

# Language Allocation

Language allocation by grade level:

## Elementary

Grade Level	% in Spanish	% in English
Kindergarten	80%	20%
1st Grade	70%	30%
2nd Grade	60%	40%
3rd Grade - 6th grade	50%	50%

# Language of Instruction

GRADE	BLF BLOCK 1 LANGUAGE	BLF BLOCK 2 READING	BLF BLOCK 3 WRITING	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE	PE, ART, MUSIC, LIBRARY
DL PreK 80:20					CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	
DL Kindergarten 80:20					CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	
DL First Grade 70:30					CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	
	IELDS						
DL Second Grade 60:40					CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	
	IELDS						
DL Third Grade 50:50				CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS			
	IELDS						
DL Fourth Grade 50:50				CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS			
	IELDS						
DL Fifth Grade 50:50					CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	
	IELDS						
DL Sixth Grade 50:50					CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	CONTENT BASED ESL IELDS	
	IELDS						
Middle School	LANGUAGE BLOCK			MATH	SCIENCE	ELECTIVE	PE/HEALTH
	ARTES DEL LENGUAJE EN ESPAÑOL	SOCIAL STUDIES	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/ESL				
DL Seventh Grade							

U-46 ELL Department  
80:20 Dual Language  
PreK -7th Grade  
Language of Instruction Allocation

Language of Instruction:  
SPANISH  
SPANISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS (WIDA)  
SPANISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SLDS)

Language of Instruction:  
ENGLISH  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT  
STANDARDS FOR ELLs (ELDS)

Language of Instruction:  
ALTERNATE LANGUAGE  
U-46 ALTERNATE DL LANGUAGE CALENDAR



# Sample Schedule



## U-46 ELL Department Dual Language 80:20 Full Day Kindergarten

**SAMPLE SCHEDULE**

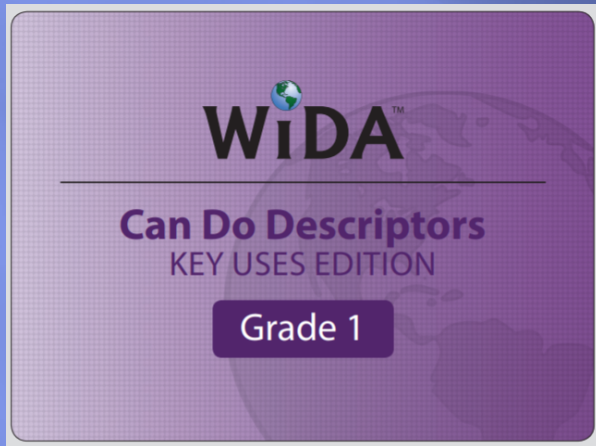
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Language of Instruction: SPANISH</b></p> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estrellita</li> <li>• Senderos</li> <li>• Canciones y cuentos</li> <li>• U-46 Full-Day Kindergarten Framework</li> <li>• Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Focus on Kindergarten</li> <li>• Making Meaning (3 days-suggested)</li> <li>• Being a Writer (3 days-suggested)</li> <li>• Writing Pathways</li> <li>• U-46 ESL Curriculum Alignment/ELL Thematic Units</li> <li>• U-46 Kindergarten Literacy Units</li> <li>• Strategies for Success with English Language Learners-ASCD Action Tool</li> <li>• Bookrooms/classroom libraries</li> <li>• ELL Department List of Cognates</li> <li>• Interactive word walls, anchor charts, visuals, realia, etc.</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Balanced Literacy Framework</b></p> <p><b>Standards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Core State Standards</li> <li>• Spanish Language Arts Standards</li> <li>• Early Spanish Language Development Standards (E-SLDS)</li> <li>• Spanish Language Development Standards (SLDS)</li> <li>• Illinois Early Learning Standards</li> </ul>					
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Language Block</b>	<b>Language Block</b>	<b>Language Block</b>	<b>Language Block</b>	<b>Language Block</b>
<b>Block 1</b> Language Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Meeting</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness</li> <li>• Interactive/Shared Read Aloud</li> <li>• Phonics/Word Study</li> <li>• Academic Vocabulary</li> <li>• Text Talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Meeting</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness</li> <li>• Interactive/Shared Read Aloud</li> <li>• Phonics/Word Study</li> <li>• Academic Vocabulary</li> <li>• Text Talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Meeting</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness</li> <li>• Interactive/Shared Read Aloud</li> <li>• Phonics/Word Study</li> <li>• Academic Vocabulary</li> <li>• Text Talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Meeting</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness</li> <li>• Interactive/Shared Read Aloud</li> <li>• Phonics/Word Study</li> <li>• Academic Vocabulary</li> <li>• Text Talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Meeting</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness</li> <li>• Interactive/Shared Read Aloud</li> <li>• Phonics/Word Study</li> <li>• Academic Vocabulary</li> <li>• Text Talk</li> </ul>
9:00-10:00	9:00-9:45	9:00-9:30	<b>Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>Reader's Workshop</b>
<b>Block 2</b> Reader's Workshop Spanish	<b>Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>Reader's Workshop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Literacy Centers/Self-Regulated Independent Learning</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, Listening, Writing, Phonics, Poetry</li> <li>• Guided Reading -2-3 groups/day</li> <li>• Independent Reading/Self-Selected Reading</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Literacy Centers/Self-Regulated Independent Learning</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, Listening, Writing, Phonics, Poetry</li> <li>• Guided Reading -2-3 groups/day</li> <li>• Independent Reading/Self-Selected Reading</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Literacy Centers/Self-Regulated Independent Learning</li> <li>• Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, Listening, Writing, Phonics, Poetry</li> <li>• Guided Reading -2-3 groups/day</li> <li>• Independent Reading/Self-Selected Reading</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>
10:00-10:45	9:45 – 10:15	9:30 – 10:15	<b>Writer's Workshop</b> Writing Process and Craft	<b>Writer's Workshop</b> Writing Process and Craft	<b>Writer's Workshop</b> Writing Process and Craft
<b>Block 3</b> Writer's Workshop Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Guided/Shared Writing</li> <li>• Independent Writing</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Guided/Shared Writing</li> <li>• Independent Writing</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Guided/Shared Writing</li> <li>• Independent Writing</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Guided/Shared Writing</li> <li>• Independent Writing</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Lesson</li> <li>• Guided/Shared Writing</li> <li>• Independent Writing</li> <li>• Conferencing/Reflecting</li> <li>• Group Share</li> </ul>
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	<b>Library</b>	<b>P.E.</b> Integrated with gen ed			

# Sample Schedule Part 2

<b>Language of Instruction: SPANISH</b> <b>U-46 Resources/Teacher-created Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eureka Math Modules</li> <li>Strategies for Success with English Language Learners-ASCD Action Tool</li> <li>ELL Department List of Cognates</li> <li>Interactive word walls, anchor charts, visuals, realia, etc.</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>						<h2>Math</h2> <b>Oracy and Literacy Development</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Cross-language Connections</b>			<b>Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common Core State Standards</li> <li>Spanish Language Development Standards (SLDS)</li> </ul>		
10:46-11:10	Math Spanish (25)	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers					
11:10-12:10 <b>Lunch/outdoor recess</b>											
12:10-12:46	Math Spanish (35)	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers	Math Eureka Math routines & lessons, math centers					
<b>Language of Instruction: ENGLISH</b> <b>Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U-46 Full Day Kindergarten Framework</li> <li>U-46 FDK Science Curriculum</li> <li>National Geographic Exploring Science</li> <li>Moving into English</li> <li>English in my Pocket</li> <li>U-46 ESL Curriculum Alignment/ELL Thematic Units</li> <li>Strategies for Success with English Language Learners-ASCD Action Tool</li> <li>Bookrooms/classroom libraries (leveled readers)</li> <li>Interactive word walls, anchor charts, visuals, realia, etc.</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>						<b>Content-based ESL Science/Social Studies</b> <b>Oracy and Literacy Development</b> <b>based on student profile</b>  <b>BILITERACY</b>			<b>Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common Core State Standards</li> <li>English Language Development Standards (ELDS)</li> <li>Early English Language Development Standards (E-ELDS)</li> <li>Illinois Early Learning Standards</li> <li>Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)</li> <li>C 3 Social Studies Framework</li> <li>CAN DO Descriptors</li> </ul>		
12:45-1:30	Content-based ESL Science / Social Studies	Content-based ESL Science/Social Studies	Content-based ESL Science/Social Studies	Content-based ESL Science/Social Studies	Content-based ESL Science/Social Studies	Content-based ESL Science/Social Studies					
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1:30 – 2:20	<b>Learning Plans</b> (Plan, Do, Reflect)										
Free Choice Center	Free Choice Center	Free Choice Center	Free Choice Center	1:30 – 2:00 Free Choice Center	Free Choice Center	Free Choice Center					
2:20 – 2:30 End of the Day Reflection	End of the Day Reflection	End of the Day Reflection	End of the Day Reflection	2:00-2:30 P.E. Integrated with gen. ed.	End of the Day Reflection	End of the Day Reflection					



# Resources



**WIDA™**  
**Can Do Descriptors**  
 KEY USES EDITION  
**Grade 1**

**Correlation of Scott Foresman Reading Street Leveled Readers to U-46 ELL Units of Instruction**

**Kindergarten**



**Concept Literacy Readers**



**Listen to Me Readers**




## U-46 ELL DEPARTMENT KINDERGARTEN DUAL LANGUAGE INTEGRATED HORIZONTAL MAP



80:20 SP/EN	AUG/SEP	OCT/NOV	NOV	DEC	JAN/FEB	FEB/MAR	APR	MAY/JUN
SY 16/17	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester			2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester			3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester	
	August 17, 2016 to November 4, 2016			November 7, 2016 to February 10, 2017			February 13, 2017 to May 26, 2017	
KINDERGARTEN THEMATIC UNITS	Unit 1 SELF-DISCOVERY All About Me	Unit 2 CREATIVITY Imagination	Unit 3 WORKING TOGETHER How We Learn	Unit 4 COMMUNITIES Celebrations	Unit 5 COMMUNITIES Services, Transportation	Unit 6 GROWTH & CHANGE Living Things	Unit 7 GROWTH & CHANGE Weather Patterns	Unit 8 EXPLORATIONS Natural Wonders in World

# Challenges

- Number of bilingual teachers needed
- Lack of licensed bilingual teachers
- Availability of high quality resources in Spanish

# West Chicago District 33

## PreK-3 Dual Language Program Building a Continuum of Services



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@D33Supt

# Objectives



- **To share our journey in moving to a Birth to 3rd grade continuum of services**
- **To share lessons learned for a smooth transition**

# TakeOff – TouchDown

Stand up if it applies to you / sit down if it does not

- TBE, Dual, Gen Ed, Sped, other?
- Lead a birth to 3rd program
- Teach in a prek dual program
- Can explain the difference between One-Way and Two-Way dual language
- Are leading changes in your prek programs



# D33 Demographic Information





# D33 District Highlights

- **Pre-K-8 District**
- **6 Elementary, 1 MS, 1 Pre-K**
- **2001-2015 dual program (Gary School)**
- **80.2% Hispanic**
- **55% Limited English Proficient**
- **65% Low Income\***
- **42 different languages spoken**
- **D33 is surrounded by the most affluent communities in Illinois (Dupage County)**



# Early Childhood Programs in West Chicago

**B - 3**

- Prevention Initiative - Home Visiting
- Parents as Teachers Model, 170 families

**B - 5**

- Educare, 102 Preschool, 48 B-3
- Additive model in 13-14

**4 - 5**

- Half Day – 366 Students
- Full Day - 120 Students
- Additive model in 13-14

**Kinder**

- Added Full-Day at Two-Way Dual 2013
- Full-Day whole district in 2014

# B-3 Continuity Project

Family Engagement

Joint Professional Development

Aligned Curriculum and Instruction

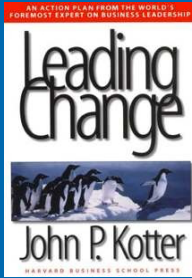
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Data-Driven Improvements

Supported Transitions

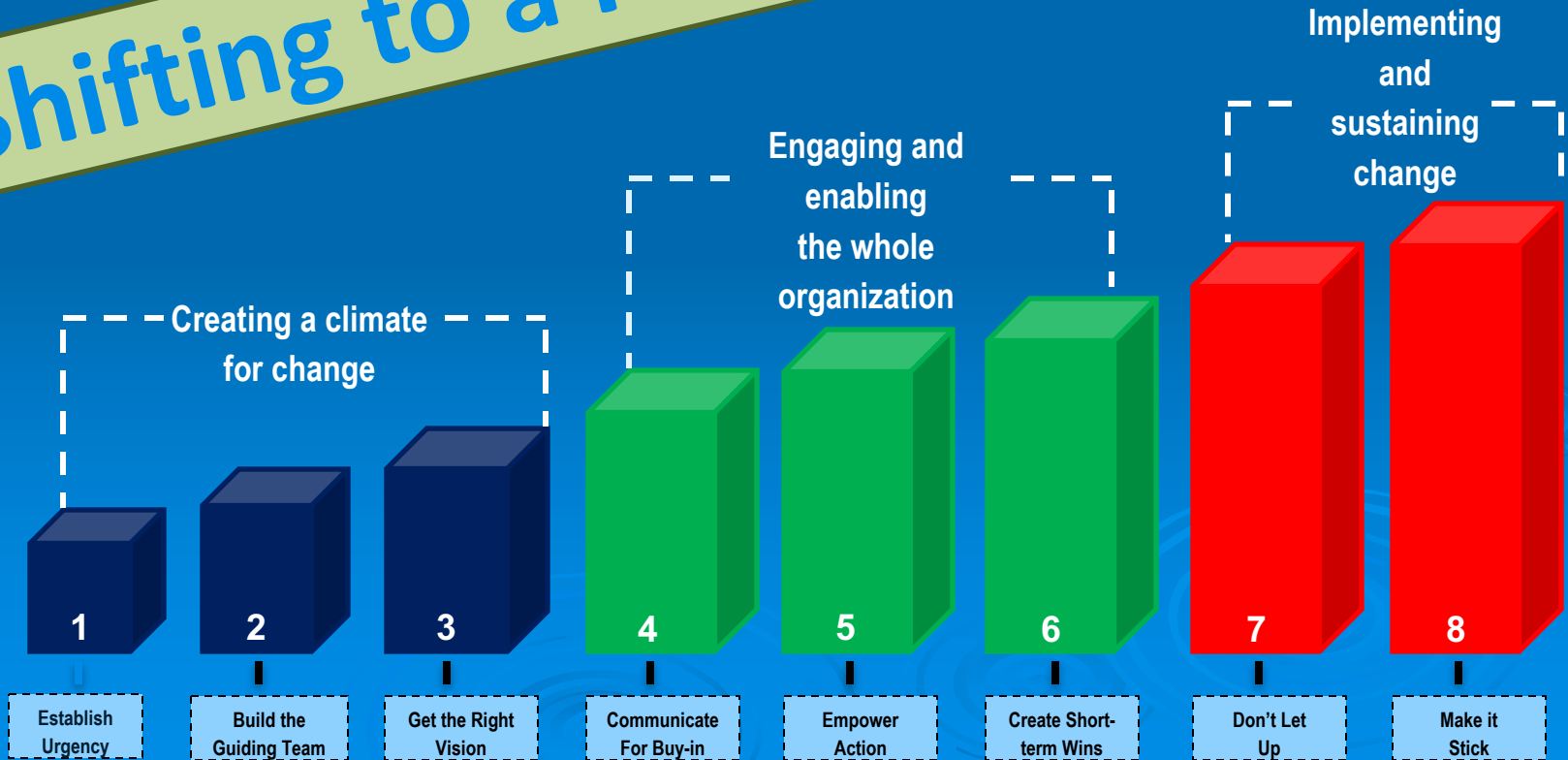
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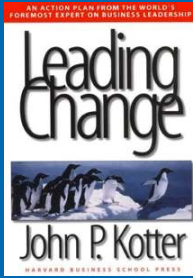
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# JOHN KOTTER'S "8 Steps of Change"

Shifting to a PreK-3rd Focus





# Step 1- Leading Change

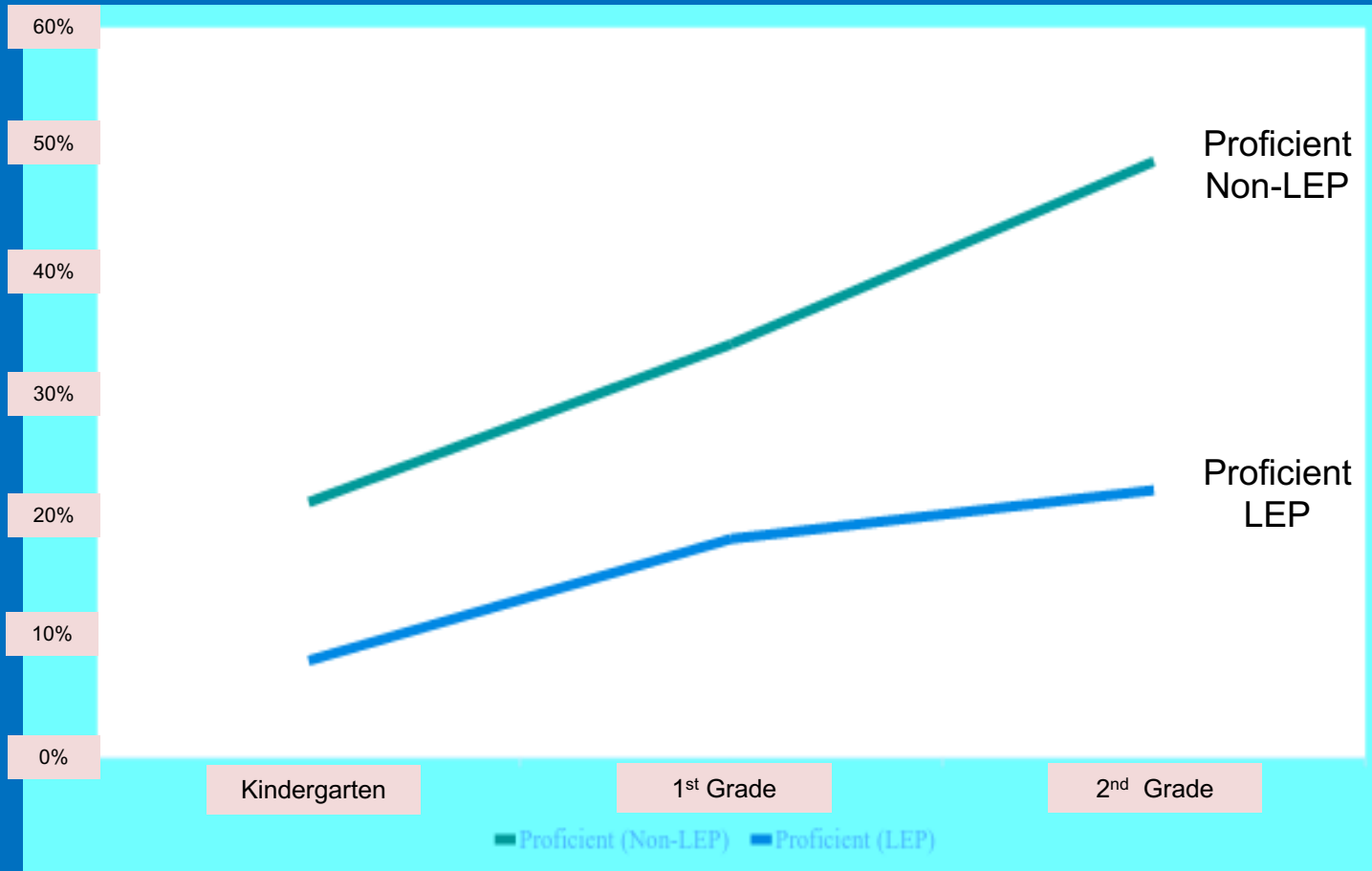
## Establish Urgency



# Family Engagement

- **Pre-K parent education led to parent advocacy- they learned what the superior program was.**
- **Pre-K parents petitioned the board for change**
- **Board of Ed directed a study to determine the need for program expansion**

# 2014 English Data: Achievement Gap Between Non-LEP vs. LEP students: Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



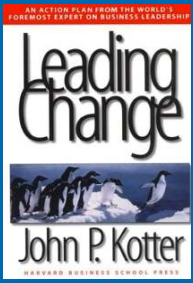
# Legal Background Office of Civil Rights

OCR is responsible for enforcing Title VI of  
the Civil Rights Act of 1964

*School districts must take steps to overcome  
language barriers and ensure students can  
participate meaningfully in the district's  
educational program.*







# Step 2 – Leading Change

## Build the Team

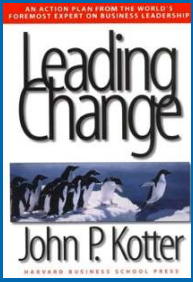


# **D33 SLL Committee**

## **Program Review Objectives**

### **2014 - 2015**

- **To respond to PreK Hispanic parents request for dual language opportunities for all children**
- **To provide dual language continuity from Prek-5th grade**
- **To close the achievement gap**
- **To comply with federal law**



# Step 3 – Leading Change

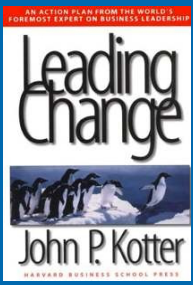
## Get the Right Vision



# **District 33 Vision and Mission for Dual Language**

**The vision of West Chicago Elementary District 33's Dual Language program is to become a state leader in closing the achievement gap and educating Prek-8th students to become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural.**

**Our mission is for all District 33 students to have the opportunity to achieve academic excellence in two languages and attain multicultural understanding and appreciation for the different cultures represented in the Dual Language program.**



# Step 4- Leading Change

## Communicate



# Communication Plan

Sample

## BOE/Parents/Community

1. Press Release
2. Newsbites
3. Town Hall
4. District Website
5. Dual Video
6. Information Nights
7. Letters to Parents
8. Mexican Independence Day Parade

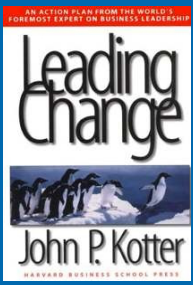
## Teachers/Administration

1. Talking Points
2. District Newsletter
3. Building Presentations
4. District Website
5. Dual Video
6. Coffee Talks
7. Professional Dev Plan
8. Long Range Planning



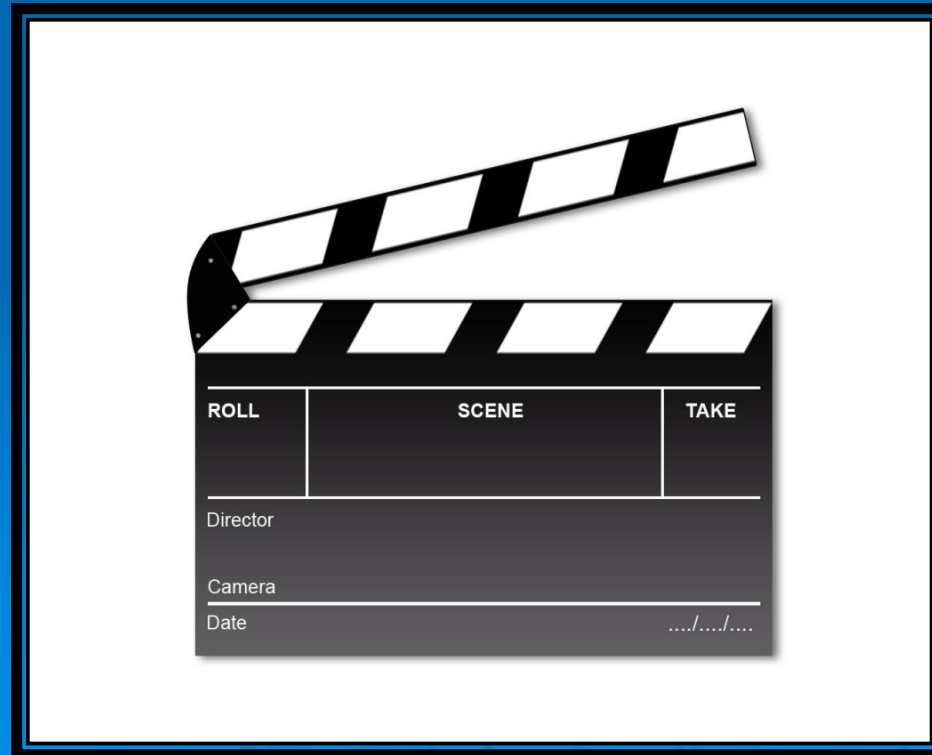






# Step 5 – Leading Change

## Empower Action



# Joint Professional Development

## Educare and D33 Joint PD

- Teaching for Biliteracy PD was provided to prek- 2nd grade and rolling up each year
- Play-based training and coaching PD from prek-kinder and rolling up each year to 3rd
- Cooperative learning PD prek-8th
- Instructional coaches added for preschool and elementary school to support the ongoing PD and to ensure sustainability

# Articulated Curriculum & Assessments

- **Dual Language for all - English earlier/Spanish longer**
- **Language Allocation consistent across all grades starting with prek-3rd**
- **Articulated curriculum across grades and programs**
- **Kinder Play-based rubrics aligned to KIDS assessment/report card**
- **Prek Gold curriculum aligned to play-based rubrics**

# *Data-Driven School Improvements*

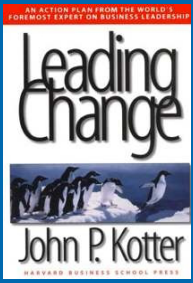




# Language Allocation in Dual Language



Grade	% Spanish	% English
Preschool & K	80	20
1	70	30
2	60	40
3	50	50
4	50	50
5	50	50



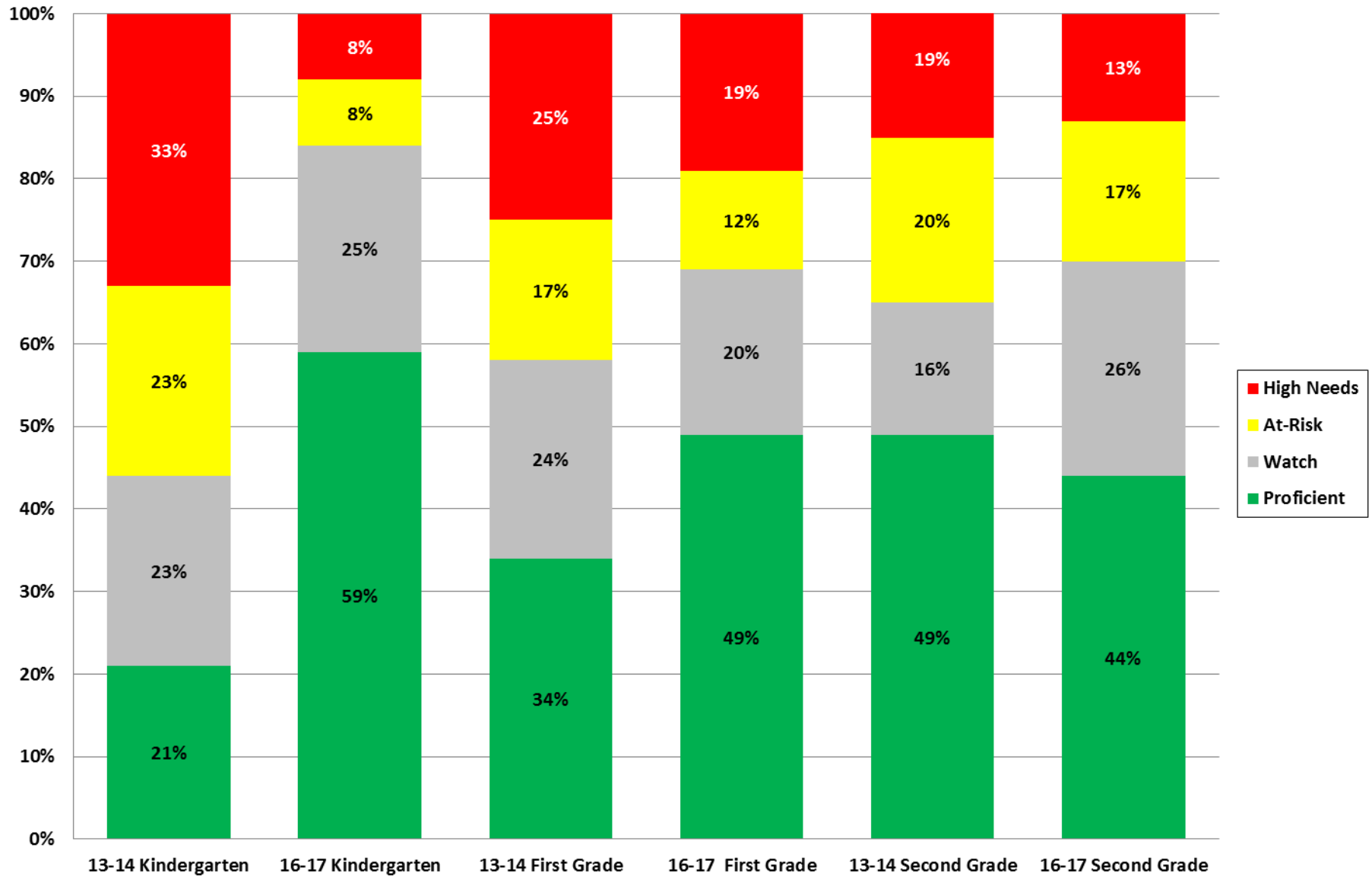
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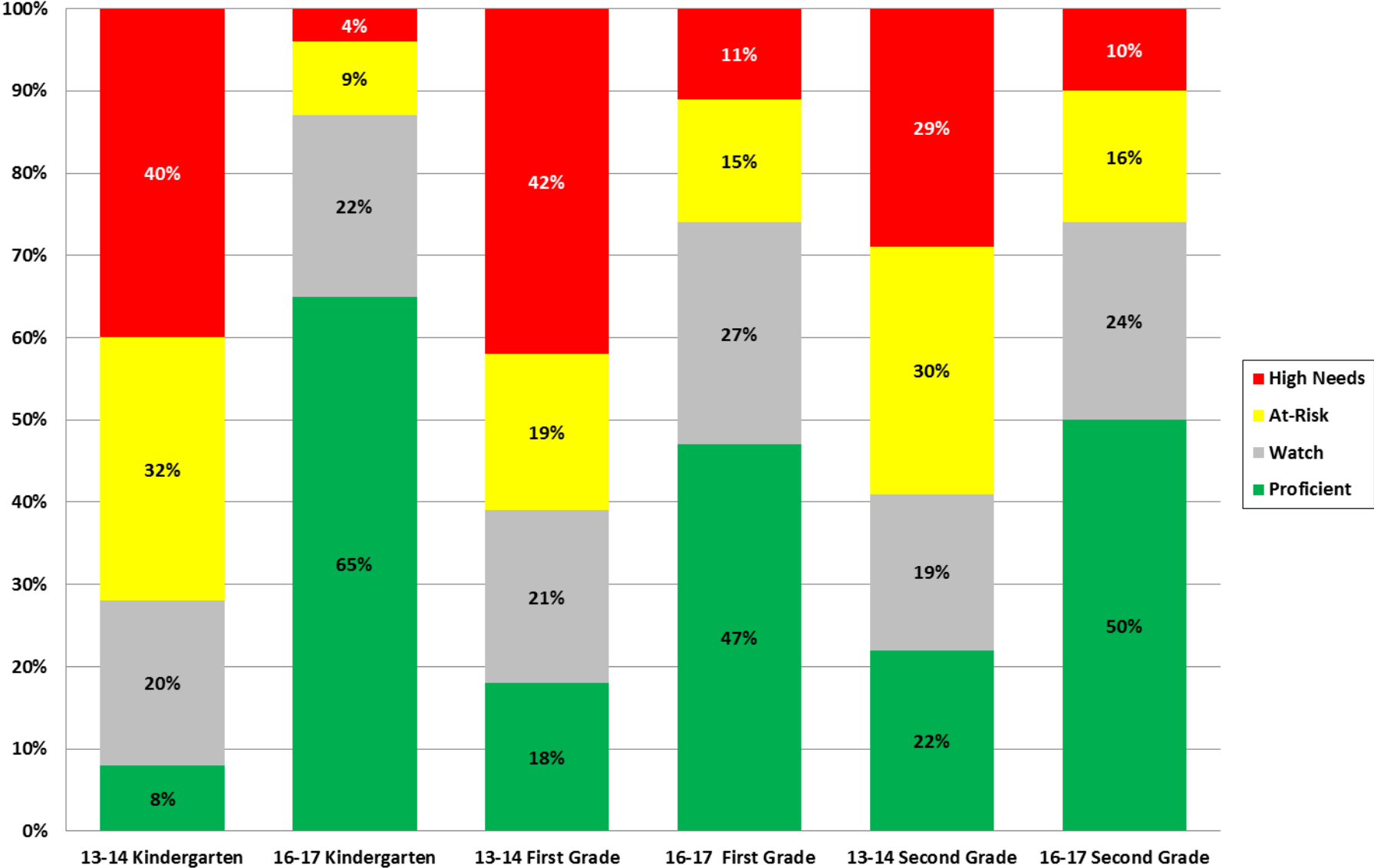




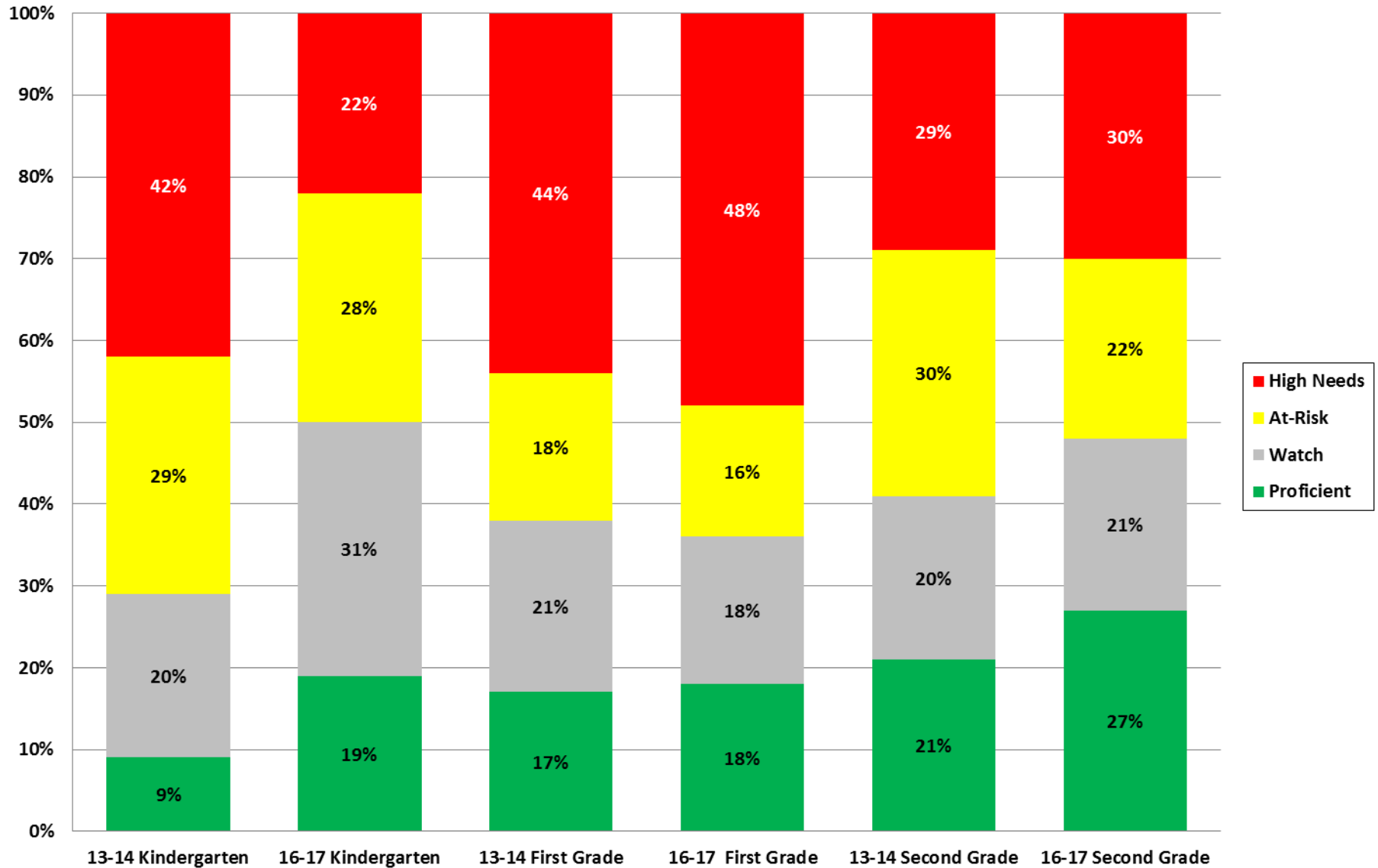
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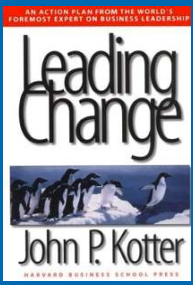


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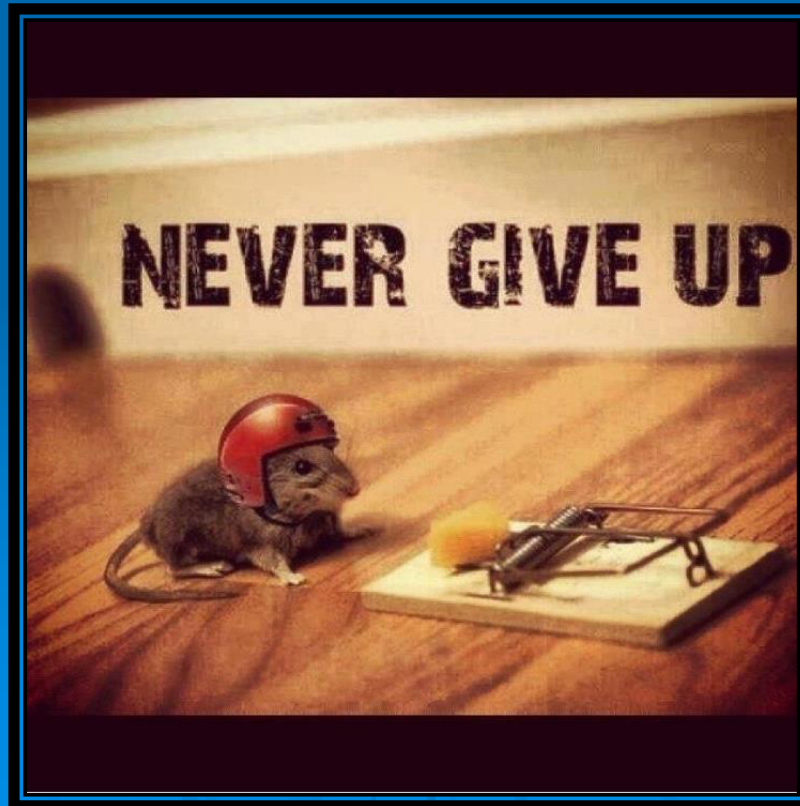
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# Step 7 – Leading Change

## Don't Give Up



# Program Supports

- COFI
- Fathers Read Everyday (FRED)
- Discovery Night
- Parent Cafe
- Breakfast and a Book
- Parent Workshop
- International Book Fair
- Community Partners





# Program Supports

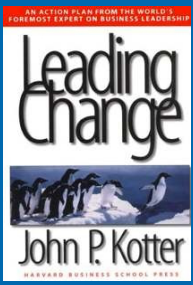


# Supported Transitions

- Pilot Summer Program Services for P5's
- Expanded Transition Meeting Process  
w/Kinder
- Aligned and Consistent Documentation

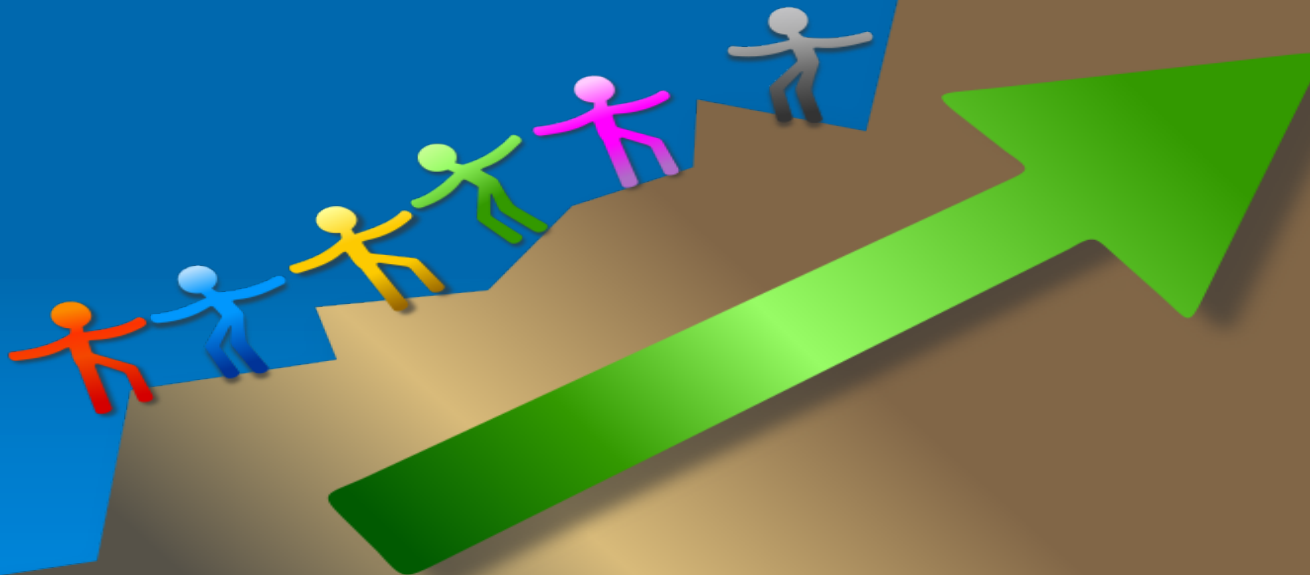






# Step 8 – Leading Change

## Make It Stick



COMMUNITY

# Community Partnerships Comprehensive Services



# Lessons Learned

- Engage your parents in advocacy
- Go slow to go fast
- **EDUCATE YOUR BOARD!**
- Embed your goals in strategic planning
- Pre-plan your communication

# Lessons Learned


- **Form partnerships to gain momentum and support**
- **Don't underestimate your audience when communicating**
- **Be aware of the research against bilingual education**

# Lessons Learned

- Engage your allies
- Engage those that are not your allies
- Reassure your monolingual staff
- Keep smiling and make friends with those who don't get it.



# Next Steps

- **Roll Up Two-Way Dual Language**
  - **Pre-K Summer Program**
  - **Mindfulness Training**
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# Questions?







# EFFECTIVE COMPONENTS OF A HIGH QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD BILINGUAL/ESL PROGRAM

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Illinois State Board of Education



# What are you saying?





# Purpose of this presentation

- Accepted models of Pre-K English Learner services
- Examples of screeners & assessments that accommodate Pre-K English Learner students
- Effective ESL/Bilingual Program elements and examples which utilize Excelerate, IELDS, and WIDA Standards
- Share available resources, such as the EL Program Framework, Training & Technical Assistance, Standards, & strategies



# State Bilingual Pre-K mandate (Part 228)

- All preschool programs for children ages 3 -5 that are administered by a public school district, including charter schools, must adhere to the rules under Part 228, if the program has English Learners as determined by a Home Language Survey and Screener.
- This includes preschool programs that are subcontracted by districts to community organizations and preschool programs that districts administer regardless of the source of funding for the programs



# Accepted models of instruction- Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)

*To provide bilingual instruction to preschool children, a teacher must hold:*

- (1) a Professional Educator License with endorsements in Early Childhood and bilingual education or
- (2) both a PEL with an Early Childhood endorsement and an Educator License with Stipulations (ELS) with a bilingual education endorsement.



# Accepted models: Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI/ESL)

- *To provide English as a second language instruction to preschool children, a teacher must hold*
  - (1) a Professional Educator License with endorsements in Early Childhood and either bilingual education or ESL or
  - (2) both a Professional Educator License with an Early Childhood endorsement and an Educator License with Stipulations with a ESL education endorsement.



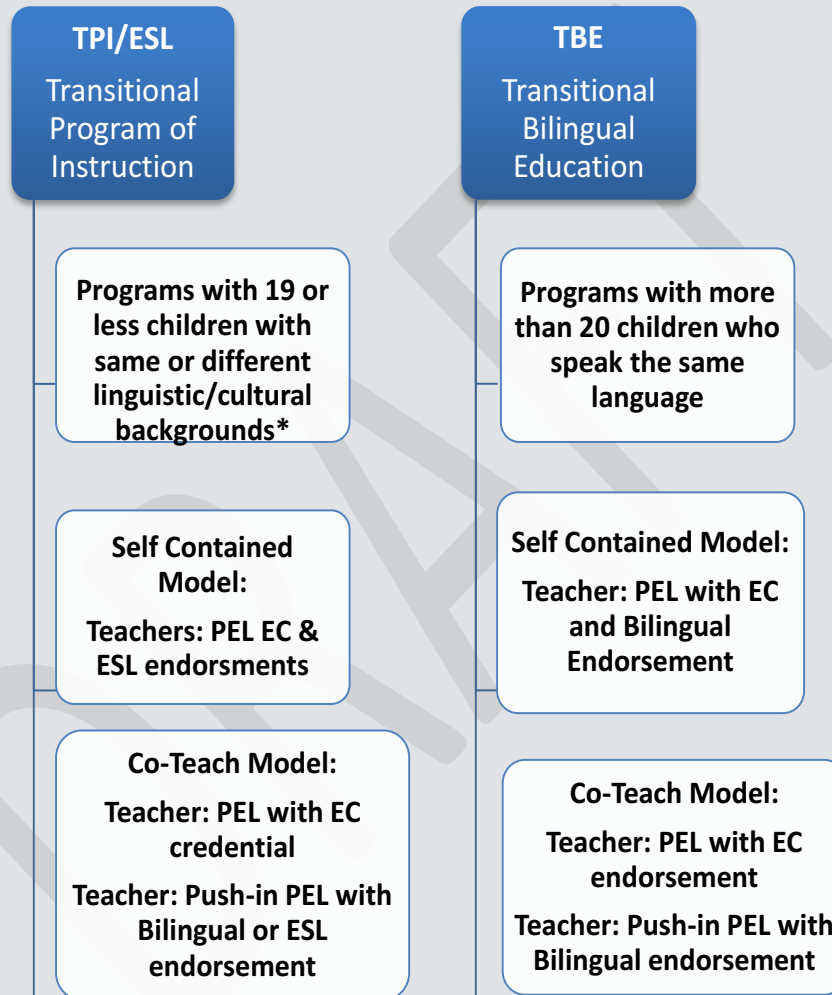


# Accepted model: Transitional Bilingual Education: Co-Teaching/Push-In

- *In a classroom, the licensure requirements for either bilingual or ESL instruction may be met through a **co-teaching** or **push-in model** in which*
  - A licensed early childhood teacher serves as the classroom teacher and
  - A teacher with the bilingual and/or ESL endorsement co-teaches or pushes into in the classroom, and both teachers work together to plan instruction for English Learners
  - Pull-out is allowed, but not recommended



# Program & Instructional Models for English Language Learners



Co-Teach variations & times: Push-In is preferred, but pull-out is allowed. Co-teacher should push-in for whole length of program. 30 minute minimum if not possible

\*TPI-Total # of preschool English Learners may exceed 19

Note: One attendance center may have both TPI and TBE students



# Required components vs. “minutes”

- The only issue about “time” is related to grant allocation: state funding for students who receive at least 5 periods of services per week
- A period is equal to however a district defines “a period” (e.g. if distinct periods used, or a block schedule where each block consists of 2 or 3 periods) or at least 30 minutes if not defined by district



# Appropriate Screeners, Curriculum, & Assessments

*Disclaimer: The State of Illinois and its administering agencies (ISBE, IDHS, DCFS) do not "approve" or "endorse" any specific screeners, assessments, or curriculum for implementation in any of its funded and/or regulated early childhood programs.*

*The following examples of screeners, curriculum, and assessment have been determined aligned with the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards for ages 3–5.*



# Appropriate Screeners, Curriculum, & Assessments

- Screening
  - Screening instrument examples:
    - [Pre-IPT](#)
    - [PLS-5](#)



Story Pieces* (Picture #1)	Examiner says:	Child responds:
<p><b>SAMPLE ITEMS:</b></p> <p>(Place Sarah, Jack, baby Colin, mother, and father on the left side below the Story Board as you introduce the characters. Note the order of the pieces in Picture #1.) This is Sarah. This is her brother. His name is Jack. This is baby Colin. These are their parents.</p> <p>Please do what I say. (Assist child in answering correctly)</p>		
	A. Show me a boy. "Show me" means "point to."	A. (Points to the boy or the baby boy)
	B. Pick up the boy.	B. (Appropriate action)
	C. Now give him to me. Thank you.	C. (Appropriate action)
	D. (Hand boy back to child) Now please put the boy here. (Points to the area next to the picnic table)	D. (Appropriate action)
	(Place Story Piece back in its original place after finished)	
<p>There is no Level A section. It is a placement designation only. BEGINNING OF LEVEL B</p>		
	1. (Point to Sarah and then point to examiner) Her name is Sarah. What is your name? Tell me your name.	1. (Gives first name) _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Correct <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect

\*The point at which named Story Pieces are added to or moved on Story Board as shown in Picture 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7.





# Appropriate Screeners, Curriculum, & Assessments

## ■ Curriculum

- *Theme-Based*
- *Developmentally appropriate*
- *Play-based*
- *Hands on components*

## ■ Assessments

- *Play-based*
- *Observational*
- *Occur multiple times throughout the school year*
- *Done in both languages*





# Running an effective Early Childhood/EL program

## ■ Exceleerate Standards

- *Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Standards*
  - Standards with resources available on
    - *Teaching and Learning*
    - *Family and Community Engagement*
    - *Infant & Toddler Services*
    - *Inclusion of Children with Special Needs*



# Illinois Early Learning Development Standards (IELDS)

## English Language Learner Home Language Development

- Goal 28
  - *Use the home language to communicate within and beyond the classroom.*
  
- Goal 29
  - *Use the home language to make connections and reinforce knowledge and skills across academic and social areas.*



# WIDA Early Learning Standards



## Example Topics and Genres: Content Related to WIDA's English Language Proficiency Standards

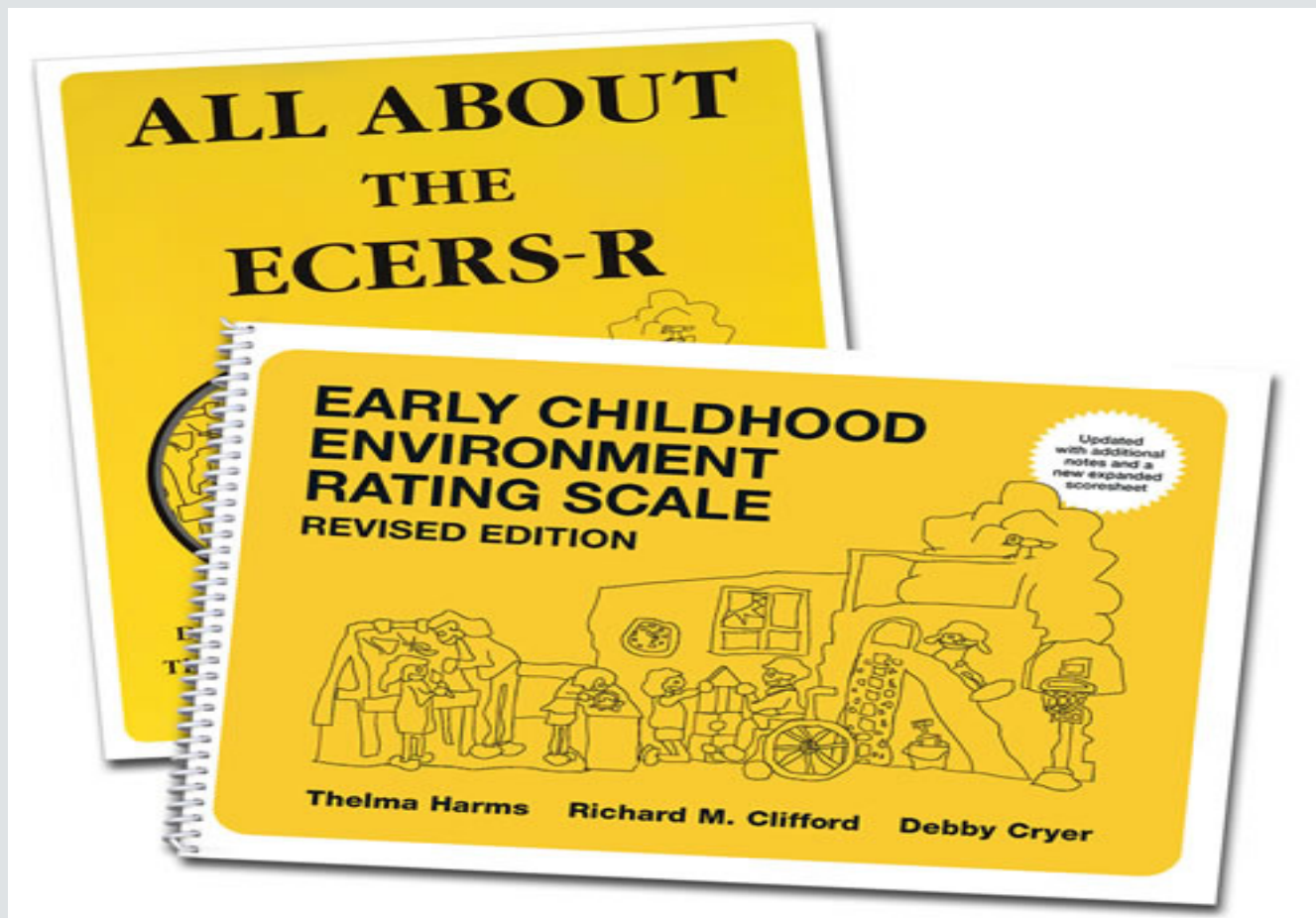
These examples, representative of state academic content standards, provide context for the English language development described in the strands of Model Performance Indicators.

Standard 1: Social and Instructional language	Standard 2: The language of Language Arts	Standard 3: The language of Mathematics	Standard 4: The language of Science	Standard 5: The language of Social Studies
<b>Example Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classrooms</li> <li>• Colors</li> <li>• Feelings</li> <li>• Games</li> <li>• Hygiene &amp; safety</li> <li>• Music &amp; movement</li> <li>• Recreational objects &amp; activities</li> <li>• Routines</li> <li>• School</li> <li>• Self &amp; family</li> <li>• Social behavior</li> <li>• Spatial relations</li> </ul>	<b>Example Genres &amp; Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chants &amp; songs</li> <li>• Concepts about print</li> <li>• Environmental print</li> <li>• Fairy tales</li> <li>• Forms of print</li> <li>• Make-believe</li> <li>• Nursery rhymes</li> <li>• Picture books</li> <li>• Rhyme</li> <li>• Same &amp; different</li> <li>• Sounds &amp; symbols (Phonemic awareness)</li> <li>• Story elements</li> </ul>	<b>Example Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attributes</li> <li>• Equivalency</li> <li>• Geometric shapes</li> <li>• Measurement of time</li> <li>• Non-standard measurement tools</li> <li>• Number sense</li> <li>• Numbers &amp; operations</li> <li>• Patterns</li> <li>• Quantity</li> <li>• Size</li> <li>• Spatial relations</li> <li>• Temperature</li> <li>• Weight</li> </ul>	<b>Example Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Animals</li> <li>• Body parts</li> <li>• Change in self &amp; environment</li> <li>• Colors</li> <li>• Forces in nature</li> <li>• Living &amp; non-living things</li> <li>• Night/Day</li> <li>• Rocks</li> <li>• Safety practices</li> <li>• Scientific process</li> <li>• Seasons</li> <li>• Senses</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Weather</li> </ul>	<b>Example Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change from past to present</li> <li>• Classroom/School</li> <li>• Clothing</li> <li>• Community workers</li> <li>• Families</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Friends</li> <li>• Historical stories &amp; legends</li> <li>• Homes in a community/ Habitats</li> <li>• Location of objects &amp; places</li> <li>• Neighborhood</li> <li>• Seasons</li> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Symbols &amp; holidays</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul>



# ECERS

- Promoting Acceptance of Diversity Indicator





# Running an effective Early Childhood/EL program – What does it look like?

- Classroom setting/environment that value student language & culture
- Language allocation plan
- Culturally-relevant studies/themes/topics
- Lesson Plans Differentiated with WIDA Early Language Development Standards
- Family & Community Engagement



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# Brand New Words







# Brand New Words-Analysis





# Self Assessment

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## Self-Assessment



Standard	Guiding Questions	Documentation
<p><b>Standard 1</b></p> <p>Instructional Environment</p>	<p><u>To what extent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are, materials, posters, signs, charts, schedules etc. available in the languages of the children?</li> <li>• Do art materials include a range of colors of paper, paint, crayon, markers, and patterns that represent a variety of skin tones and culturally relevant inspirations?</li> <li>• Do dolls represent a balance of the physical characteristics of community?</li> <li>• Are bilingual books, home language and English books available in library center and other areas in the room?</li> <li>• Is there a color-coded system to differentiate written language materials?</li> <li>• Is there a safe haven for children to take a break from the pressure of second language learning?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Standard 2</b></p> <p>L1/L2 support (Support of home language and English)</p>	<p><u>To what extent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do lesson plans have a space to address standards in home language and English?</li> <li>• Do bilingual teachers/ teaching teams / direct service providers jointly plan lessons?</li> <li>• Are families engaged in supporting the home language at home?</li> <li>• Are outreach, informational materials, parents' rights, notifications, website, etc. in home languages of community?</li> <li>• Is oral communication available in languages other than English?</li> <li>• Are signs in the hallways, office and outside the buildings in languages other than English?</li> <li>• Are images in common areas representative of the community?</li> </ul>	




# Types of supports for language development

- Language Support:
  - *Sensory*
  - *Graphic*
  - *Interactive*
- Language Scaffolding
  - *Careful design to build on children's already acquired skills and to support progress in language development*
    - Environment
    - Situations
    - Materials



# Malak-Hindi child with some english

Interactive Supports	Sensory Supports	Scaffolding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audio recordings in Hindi and Urdu from Malak’s father.</li><li>• gestures</li><li>• One-on-one time playing with classmate Tim or Ms. Kristine (assistant teacher)</li></ul> <p><i>Malak may feel more comfortable using her English in the classroom if she is motivated by her play choice and playing with one person she knows and trusts.</i></p> <p><small>*excerpted from WIDA Focus on The Early Years #3</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multicultural baby dolls and accessories</li><li>• multicultural dress-up clothes and props</li><li>• photos of children’s families, posted and labeled with names</li></ul> <p><i>It may be comforting to Malak to see her family and prompt her to talk about her family and new friends.</i></p>	<p>Vocabulary: friends’ names, names of play materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sing repetitive songs while rocking the babies</li><li>• Ask: Do you like...?</li><li>• Ask: What will you feed the baby...?</li></ul> <p><i>Offer Malak choices that she can point to.</i></p> 



# Chue-Hmong

Interactive Supports	Sensory Supports	Scaffolding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small group, including friends who speak Hmong</li><li>• Blia Xiong (community volunteer) twice per week during Choice Time</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photos of vegetables and fruits posted, labeled with the languages in our classroom</li><li>• Soil, garden tools and watering can, play vegetables and fruits, artificial greens, variety of seeds, baskets, signs from uncle Kou's farmer's market booth</li><li>• Relevant picture books</li></ul> <p><b>Graphic Supports:</b> Clipboards with graphs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocabulary: names of garden tools, foods, and tasks</li><li>• Ask open-ended questions: <i>What do you do at your family's garden?</i></li><li>• Invite Chue to think of a question and use the clipboard to survey friends.</li></ul>





# Valentina-Spanish

## Interactive Supports

- **Small group**, including friends who speak Spanish
- Señora Flores (bilingual parent volunteer)



## Sensory Supports

- **Cookbooks** and **magazines** with **photos** illustrating a variety of foods, including foods that Valentina makes with her family at home
- **Diverse photos** posted of people cooking, labeled with various new vocabulary words
- Play stove, refrigerator, table, cookware, and play foods that **represent the cultures in the classroom**

### Graphic Supports:

Notepads with graphs showing various foods

## Scaffolding

- Vocabulary: names of cooking tools, foods, and tasks
- Ask: *How could we...?*
- Ask: *Can you explain how you made that?*

*This will challenge Valentina to give verbal directions using two or more steps, a skill that she has demonstrated receptively.*





# Language Allocation Plan

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	TIME	Teacher	Paraprofessional
Arrival	Table time Vocabulary Development	10	Spanish	Spanish
Large group	Attendance Schedule Message Investigations	10	Spanish	Spanish
Small group	Concept development: Embedded in centers <b>OR</b> Set aside when enough adults available	5-10 per group of 4 or 5	Spanish	Spanish
Centers	Plan Snack Choice Time	60	Spanish	Spanish
Gross Motor	Adult directed activities 50% Spanish/ 50 % English using alternate day or alternate week schedule Music/Movement	30	Spanish/ English	Spanish/ English
	Transitions	5		
Read Aloud	Differentiated language objectives in English based on EELD/ESLD level	20	Spanish/4 days/wk English1 days/wk	Spanish/ English
Dismissal	Review	10	Spanish	Spanish



# Language Allocation Plan

EC Schedule:	minutes (approx)	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Spanish minutes	English minutes
arrival	15	spa	spa	spa	spa	spa	75	0
circle	20	spa	spa	spa	spa	spa	100	0
small group	10	spa	eng-SLP	spa	eng-SLP	spa	30	20
centers	50	spa	spa	spa	spa	spa	250	0
gross motor	20	eng	eng	eng	eng	eng	0	100
music	20	spa	library	spa	spa	eng	80	20
departure	10	spa	spa	spa	spa	spa	50	0
total min	145						585	140

\*5-toileting



# Curriculum Map

- Unit of Study: All About Me
- Time Frame: 6 weeks
- Dates:
- Planning Team:
  
- Essential Question: What changes do you observe in yourself, others, and in the environment?
  
- Guiding Questions:
  - How did the duckling change?
  - How have you changed?
  - What can you do now that you couldn't do before?
  - How do you feel when \_\_\_\_\_?
  - What changes do you see outside?
  
- Fairy Tale Hook: The Ugly Duckling



<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	<b>Spanish Vocab</b>	<b>English Vocab</b>	<b>Spanish Sentence/Structures</b>	<b>English Sentence/Structures</b>
Entering 1	<b><u>Emociones</u></b> feliz triste cansado  <b><u>Partes del Cuerpo</u></b> mano cabeza ojos boca nariz pierna pie dedo	<b><u>Emotions</u></b> happy sad tired  <b><u>Parts of the Body</u></b> hand head eyes mouth nose leg toe finger	Hoy me siento _____ Este (a) es mi _____	Today I feel _____ This is my _____



# Talking together





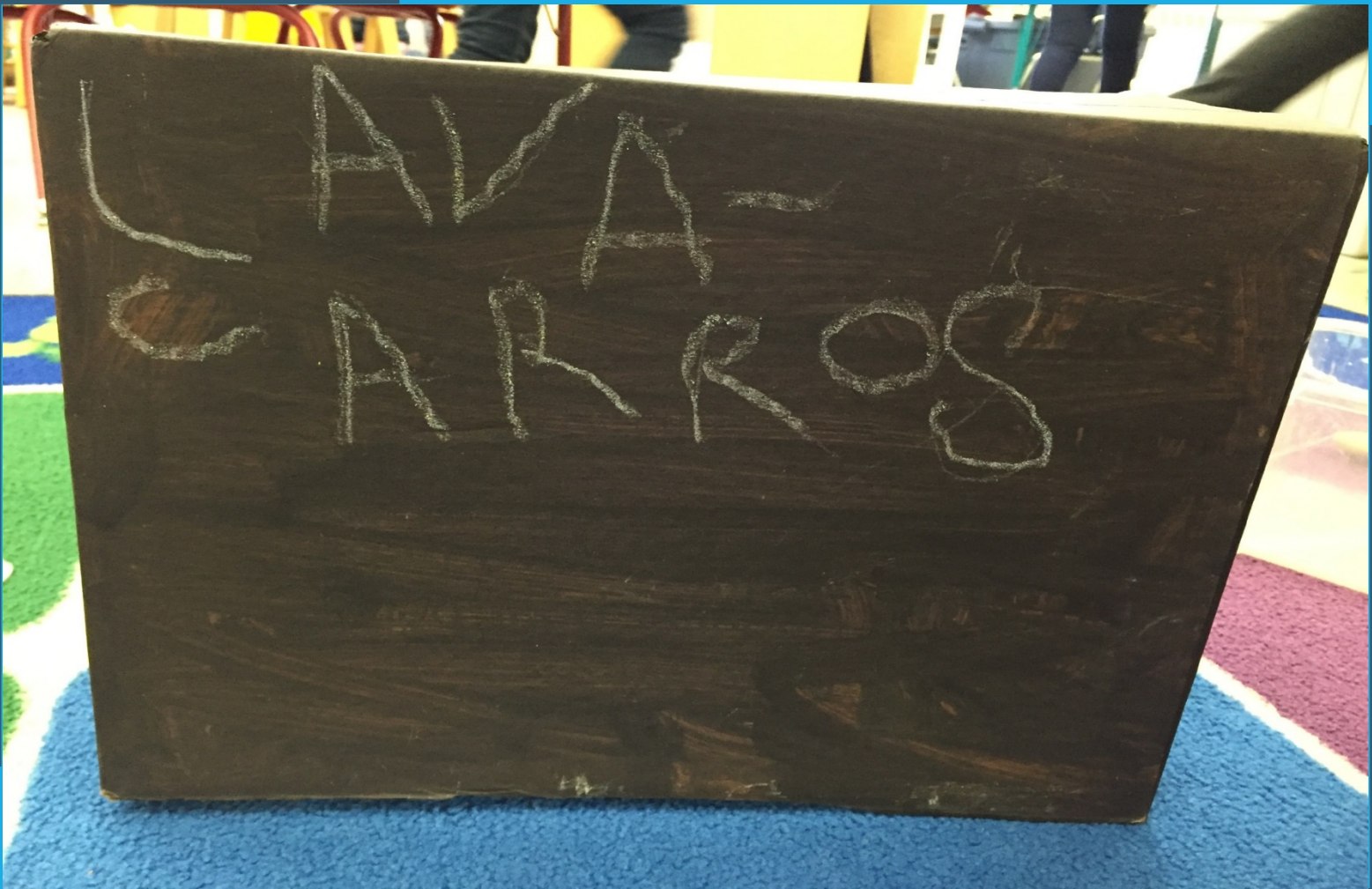






# Sharing at the Easel







# Culturally and linguistically relevant







# Family Projects



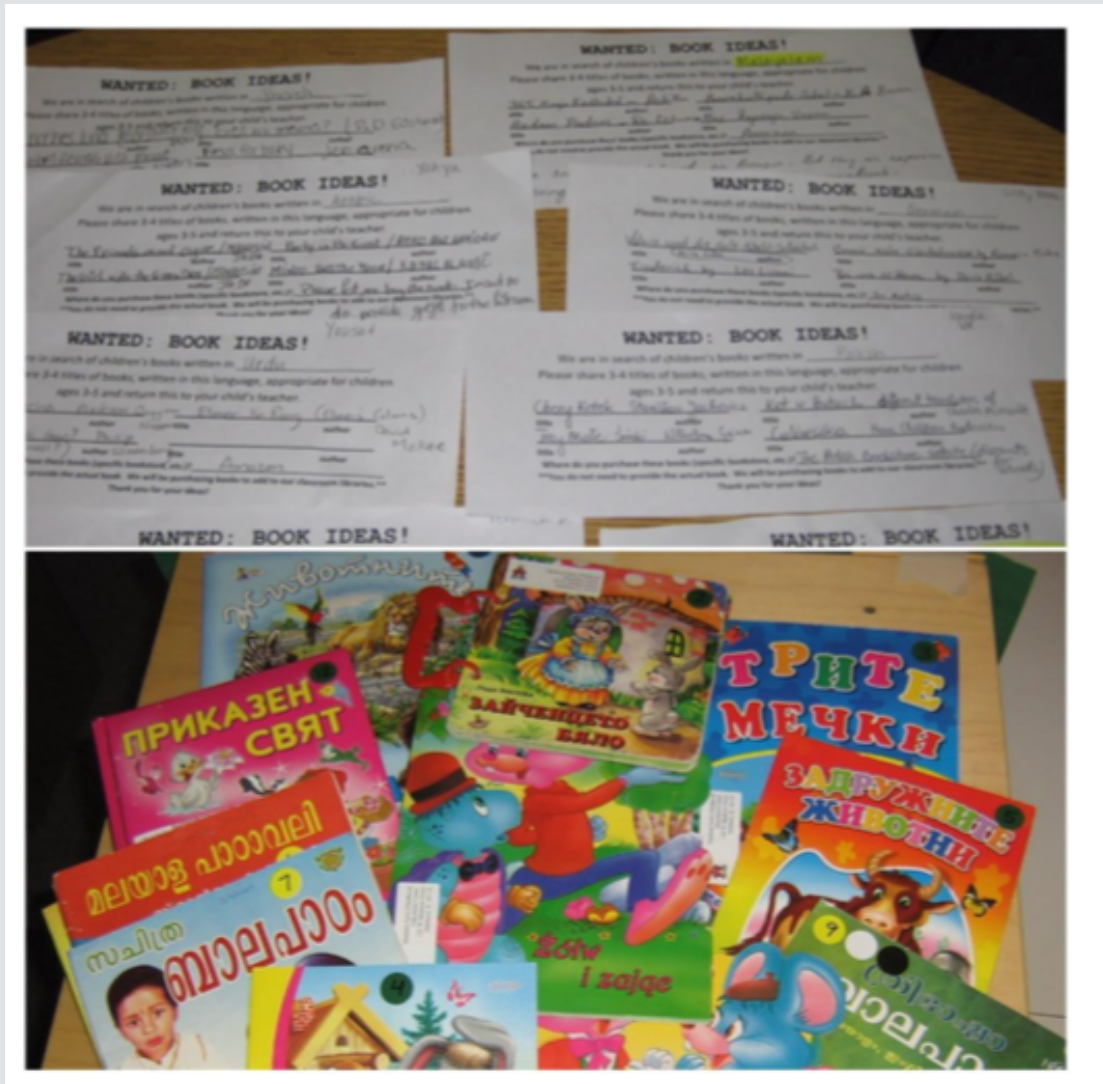


# A Meeting at School





# Books in Multiple Languages







# Best Practices: What do they look like?

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# My Pumpkin Story





# Data analysis

## CLASSROOM LEVEL DATA:

### Preschool Numeracy Indicators: Oral Counting Data

#### Classroom Level Data Fall – Winter 2015-2016

Student Data based on Limited English Proficiency





# Data analysis

## Preschool Numeracy Indicators: Oral Counting Data Classroom Level Data: Fall – Winter 2015-2016 Student Data based on Ethnicity





# Parent Report

Name:		[REDACTED]			
School Year:		2014-2015			
		Age: 3yr 5m	Age: 3yr 9m	Age: 4yr 0m	
		<b>Trimester 1</b>	<b>Trimester 2</b>	<b>Trimester 3</b>	
<b>English Language Acquisition</b>	14	<b>Receptive (Understanding English)</b>	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
	15	<b>Expressive (Speaking English)</b>	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
Key:		<b>Trimester 1 Notes:</b>	<b>Trimester 2 Notes:</b>	<b>Trimester 3 Note:</b>	
<b>Level 5 Bridging</b>	Student demonstrates near age-appropriate understanding and use of English		[REDACTED] is quiet at school. She watches the children during play time, but prefers quiet activities such as looking at books or completing puzzles.	[REDACTED] continues to be quiet at school. She will interact with the other children at times, especially if they are doing quiet activities like puzzles.	[REDACTED] will answer questions if they are asked to her. She continues to be quiet in the classroom.
<b>Level 3 Developing</b>	Student uses simple English vocabulary and familiar phrases				
<b>Level 1 Entering</b>	Student is beginning to understand and speak English				



# Pre-K to Kindergarten Transitions

**HELP YOUR CHILD TRANSITION**

**Pre-School** → prepare your little one for **Kindergarten**  
**THE BIG DAY**

**make new friends.**  
Rehearse with dolls or stuffed animals on how to pretend that you're the bus driver and your child is riding the bus to school.

Help them **follow spoken directions** from non-family members

**PRACTICE MOTOR SKILLS**  
walk in a straight line    coloring

Visit your child's **new school** so they can be familiar with their surroundings.

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# Pre-K to Kindergarten Transitions

- [Kindergarten Corner resource from ISBE](#)
  - *Kindergarten Preparedness Fair with local stakeholders*
  - *Transition Plan between Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers*
- [Interactive Case Study/PD resource from Harvard Family Research Project: Bridging Worlds: Family Engagement in the Transition to Kindergarten](#)







# Resources

- Program framework, practices, and family and community engagement resources
  - [ISBE Framing Services Toolkit](#)
  - [ISBE Resources for Supporting Pre-K English Learners](#)
  - [Webinars on WIDA Standards and best practice](#)
  - [Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights Partners List](#)
  - [BRYCS-Bridging Refugee Youth and Child Services](#)
  - [Dual Language Learner Toolkit](#)

## Training & T.A.

- [Early Childhood Center of Professional Development](#)
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- [Erikson Online Bilingual Certification](#)
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