

### English Learner Program

The School District of West Salem has established a Bilingual and English Learner Program to assist children who are learning English and succeeding academically within the school district. Children who are eligible typically come from families where a language other than English is spoken at home or from other countries via adoption or immigration. The Bilingual and English Learner program provides: 1. Instruction in reading, writing, and speaking the English language, and 2. Through the use of the native language of the limited- English proficient pupil, instruction in the subjects necessary to permit the pupil to progress effectively through the educational system. Students are identified for participation in the EL program through the student's registration card, a Home Language Survey that indicates a language other than English is spoken at home, or a referral to EL by school staff, parent, or guardian. Students referred for EL services are assessed by an EL certified teacher to determine if the student meets entrance criteria for the program. Written parent permission is required for admission into the EL program.