

DUMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Notification of Initial Placement in Bilingual/ESL/ELS Program

Name of Student: _____

Date (of notification): _____

District: Dumont Public Schools School: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Dear parent(s) or guardian(s):

Based on your child's English proficiency test scores, level of academic achievement, and teacher recommendation, we are pleased to inform you that your child will receive instruction in our school district's ESL program. The goal of the Dumont Public School District's ESL program is to help your child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic standards. Although you may request to have your child removed from the ESL program, students normally participate for a period of **two years to five years**. Multiple criteria are used in making determinations regarding when a student no longer needs program services. These criteria include:

- **ESL and Classroom Teacher Recommendation**
- **WIDA ACCESS scores**
- **WIDA MODEL Assessment**

Your child's level of English was measured using the following test:

WIDA Screener W-APT (Kindergarten only) WIDA Model
Level of English proficiency: _____

Your child's level of academic achievement was measured during a records review process upon entrance.

If your child has a learning disability, improvement in his/her ability to speak, read, and write in English will help meet the objectives of his/her Individualized Education Program.

Level of academic achievement based on the above assessment: _____

The method of instruction used in your child's language assistance program is:

_____ English as a Second Language (ESL)

Program Description:

English as a Second Language

English as a Second Language Sheltered Instruction

In the Dumont Public Schools, the ESL program includes both pullout and Sheltered English Instruction models. All English Language Learners (ELLs) receive one period a day of English instruction taught by a certified ESL teacher. The district's content area and classroom teachers have received extensive training in Sheltered Instruction strategies, which they incorporate in the classroom. The Dumont Public Schools' ESL program focuses on building the necessary literacy skills and academic language. Our ESL program is fully aligned with the NJSL-ELA curriculum and the WIDA standards, allowing a smoother transition for English Language Learners.

Please contact the below staff member in order to request additional information regarding available services or decline program services. You have the right to immediately decline program services or choose another program, if available.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Dalton

Dumont Public Schools

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