

Middletown ESL Program

September 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child, «**FIRST_NAME**», has been identified for the Middletown Public School's English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, based on the Language Assessment System (LAS Links), a Formal Observation, and the English Language Interview. We are required by law to provide these assessments.

The Middletown Public Schools offers two service methods for your child:

1. ESL services that allow your child to achieve proficiency in English.
The method focuses on oral communication as well as reading and writing.
2. Mainstream in regular classroom **without** ESL support.
This method utilizes other school professionals who give academic support.

We are also required to assess your child annually using the following assessments:

- All identified children: The LAS Links linguistic assessment
- Grades K-2: Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2)
- Grades 3-9: Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)
- Grades 10-12: Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)

In order for your child to exit the ESL Program your child must reach two standards:

Linguistic Standard: LAS Links – Level 4 or 5, **and**
Academic Standard: DRA2, CMT, or CAPT – Grade level

All English Language Learners must have access to content academic instruction with modification and supports as necessary to ensure that the students will be successful academically and be prepared for grade promotion and graduation.

As a parent, you have the right to refuse or remove your child from services in the ESL Program. If you have any questions about the placement of your child for this school year, please contact me.

Thank you,

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