

## Aldine ISD

### **English Language Institute (ELI)** (for newcomers in intermediate, middle, and high schools)

The English Language Institute is a special language program designed to assist non-English speaking immigrant students between grades 5-12. The institute is located on each campus (as a class) and consists of the following:

- Recent arrivals in grades 5-12 who score NES (Non-English Speaking) on the OLPT (Oral Language Proficiency Test) and/or students identified as pre-literate attend the institute one full year if necessary. With LPAC approval, students who have a strong foundation in their native language may be ready to advance to ESL Level 1 (Grades 7-8) or English 1 SOL (Grade 9) in less than one school year with an additional support class.
- The program is staffed with both a certified bilingual teacher and a certified English As a Second Language (ESL) teacher in grades 5 and 6. In grades 7-12, the program is staffed with a certified ESL teacher.
- Middle and High School ESL students who qualify for the institute spend between 150-200 minutes (approximately) in an English immersion setting participating in hands-on activities, cooperative learning strategies, and ESL methodology that promotes learning in English. Designed for the first year LEP student, this foundational course provides essential knowledge and skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The ELI curriculum prepares students to be successful in ESL Level 1 or English 1 SOL.
- It is recommended that middle and high school ELI students spend the rest of the day in mainstream math and electives with the incorporation of instructional modifications whenever necessary.
- ELI Language, ELI Reading and ELI Biology classes should serve only first year LEP students
- Students will receive local credit for ELI classes.