

**HOLYOKE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**
English Language Learners
Program
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All parents have the right to speak with school staff about the most appropriate program for their children.

Parents have the right to choose the program for their children.

Under state and federal law, all children must take and pass the MCAS in English. HPS offers the following programs for English Learners:



General Education Program (“Opt Out”):
Your child will receive all instruction in English only. As required by law, your child will receive support in the general education classroom as necessary. We will continue to monitor and assess your child as an English language learner until s/he demonstrates proficiency in English as measured by state and local assessments.



Structured English with Native Language Support:

Your child is taught all subjects including reading and writing in English. Staff will provide clarification and support in English and Spanish. Sheltered instruction will be used to teach all subjects.



English Language Development Program (Beginners and Early Intermediate):

Your child is taught English literacy. Subjects such as math and science will be taught using sheltered instruction in English with Spanish language support. As your child gains proficiency in English, s/he will receive more instruction in English until s/he is ready to transfer out of the program. You may need to apply for a “waiver” if the program does not exist in your school.

For more information please call:

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