

ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

September 2026

ESL & Dual Language

We have nearly tested and identified all English learners new to the district. With some additional summer exits, our overall numbers are down from last year. But we have many more monitored ELs now. Here are the numbers of current ELs. compared to the beginning of last year:

	2025-26	2026-27
MHES	205	204
CVI	88	77
CBMS	73	61
UHS	101	85
Total	467	427

I spent time in the summer contacting families of the additional exits, both by phone and by home visit (to get parent signatures). In the first of a kind occurrence, these students were identified by ODE as being statistically within the range of proficiency on the ELPA exam (as opposed to those who outright passed the exam). These additional students were approved by ODE for exit, if, and only if, the parents approved it. There were some parents who chose not to exit their children, but many more did approve.

So far there have been no new languages added this year. It was all Spanish, with one Mam.

Kinder testing and dual language class selection went smoothly. As in previous years, during kinder assessments, I met with every family, and for those wishing for their student to be in dual language, I explained that it wasn't a sure thing and that in kindergarten classes will be taught 80% in Spanish. It seemed like most parents already understood the lottery selection and were excited for the potential opportunity for their child.

Libraries

I wish I could say something about our libraries, but I haven't spent much time at them yet. I'm glad to have all our library staff back for another year. And I look forward to possibly doing a farewell story reading at MHES sometime this fall.

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!

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