



TIPS FOR FAMILIES ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

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COMMUNICATE

Make sure the school has your current contact information.

If interpreters are not automatically provided, ask your school about interpreters. Parents have a right to have an interpreter or translation services present.

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STAY INVOLVED

Participate in parent-teacher conferences and school events to stay informed about your child's progress

If possible, volunteer at the school or in your child's classroom to show your support and involvement.

Attend PTA meetings, join school councils or committees.

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AT-HOME LEARNING

Set up a homework and study spot in your home. This could be a box of study materials where your child knows to go to find the materials they need for studying.

Make regular time each week for reading and homework. A regular routine helps a student learn.

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LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Talk with your student in your home language and English. The more children have back-and-forth conversations with caring adults, the more they learn.

Share stories from your home and your childhood with your child. Children love to hear your stories.

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ENGAGE IN LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Spend time reading together in your home language and in English.

Use online resources to make learning fun. Your students' teachers will share games they use in the classroom. Your public library will also have these games on their computers.

Check out websites such as Reading Rockets and Colorín Colorado for advice and resources designed for ELL families.

Many public libraries offer free online resources, including e-books and educational programs.