

English Language Learner Division  
Title III Support and Services 2019-2020

### Title III Funding

The English Language Learner Division (ELLD) strives to implement systemic professional learning opportunities that support all Clark County School District (CCSD) educators to effectively apply and refine instructional practices that serve the needs of ELL students, and students speaking non-standard varieties of English, by strengthening their teaching of content knowledge, analytical practices, and academic uses of language needed to be highly successful in school and beyond.

Title III Federal funding is used to provide the supplemental supports and services necessary for English language learners' language development and academic growth (Lau v. Nichols, 1974; Castañeda v. Pickard, 1981) above and beyond the opportunities and services offered to all students throughout the District. Title III funding cannot be used to provide services to non-ELL identified students.

### Title III Support and Services

As guidance in selecting appropriate services to meet the needs of English Language Learners in CCSD, Title III supports and services include the following structural options and services listed below:

#### Structural Options for Language Development Services:

- Before/After School Instruction.
- Additional Language Focus within the school day (Prep Buy-out).
- Saturday School (4 hour sessions, 4 sessions minimum).
- Summer School/Inter-session for Year Round Schools.

#### Appropriate Language Development Services:

- Newcomer Support (in addition to language development support, may include: Life & Social Skills; Acculturation; and Guest Speakers/Partnerships).
- Acceleration/extension of classroom activities with specific supports for students who have been identified as Long-Term English Language Learners (ELLs for over 5 years).
- Targeted, small group instruction focusing on language development within specific content.
- Targeted, small group instruction focusing on specific language domain deficit(s) (e.g., writing).
- Project-based language development integrated with technology, career exploration opportunities and thematic units (e.g. culture/food/government/history).
- Science Technology Engineering & Math Academies (STEM) Pathways with an emphasis on language development.
- Mentorship and peer coaching model.
- Bridge programs (e.g., ES to MS or MS to HS).
- SECONDARY ONLY: Project-based Language Development integrated with Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) (e.g., Robotics Club, Auto Mechanics, Hospitality, EMT, Journalism, Web Design, Videography).
- SECONDARY ONLY: Independent Study & Research.

### Title III Allocations

All school sites received a Title III allocation based on the number of active ELL students, who participate in the WIDA ACCESS English Language Proficiency Assessment. School Associate Superintendents, Principals, and ELL Student Success Advocates create Title III Plans that outline the use of their allocated Title III funds. The ELL Division reviews, provides feedback, and processes final approval for all submitted Title III plans.

### Eligibility Guidelines

- Students who score between a 1 and 4.4 in the Overall Composite on the WIDA ACCESS English Language Proficiency Assessment or the WIDA Screener, the initial placement test, qualify for services with Title III funding.
- Students in kindergarten, or recently identified as an ELL student, that may only have the WIDA Screener or W-APT data, qualify for services with Title III funding.
- Students that scored a 4.5 or higher, in the Overall and Literacy Composite on the WIDA ACCESS, is considered language proficient and does not qualify for services with Title III funding.
- Students in kindergarten completed the WIDA Placement Test (W-APT) and scored a 3, they are considered language proficient, and do not qualify for services with Title III funding.

### Important Dates

- Approved Title III funds are for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and can only be utilized between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.
- All payroll requests should be received before June 19, 2020.
- All Title III funding payroll and supporting documentation should be sent to ELL Location #738 via school mail.

### Note

- ELL Student Success Advocates may assist with collecting and crosschecking Title III documentation for accuracy each month.
- ELL Student Success Advocates have access to checklists and documentation templates for Title III funding.

### English Language Learner Contact Information

- Please contact your assigned school site ELL Coordinator for additional information.