



Rocky River City School District

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Student: _____

Date: _____

Building: _____

Grade: _____

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Based on the results of the Ohio Test of English Language Acquisition (OTELA), your child continues to qualify for participation in the English Language Learner (ELL) program. This program is offered to help your child learn English and make academic progress. It is designed to help your child attain English language proficiency as quickly as possible so that he or she can be successful in academic classrooms.

Specialized instruction is provided by a teacher who is trained to support English language development. The teacher works closely with classroom teachers and uses a variety of activities and resources to help children achieve academic success. The ELL teacher may also monitor your child's progress by consulting with the classroom teachers. In addition to working with an ELL teacher, your child may also participate in other academic supports that the school offers, such as homework or reading support.

Your child's recommended ELL program: _____ direct service
_____ academic support
_____ consult

Your child will be assessed again in the spring using the OTELA to measure continued progress in acquiring English proficiency and you will be notified of his or her English proficiency each year.

Exit Criteria: A student attains the required level of English proficiency to be exited from a district's English Language Learner (ELL) program when he or she:

- Obtains a composite score of 5 on the Ohio Test of English Language Acquisition (OTELA); or
- Obtains a composite score of 4 on the OTELA, subsequently completes a trial period of mainstream instruction and obtains a composite score of 4 or above on the OTELA during the trial period of mainstream instruction.

Special Conditions

- Students will not be exited from the LEP program before Grade 3.
- Students who obtain a composite score of 4 or 5 on the OTELA in Grade 2 and obtain a composite score of 4 or above on the OTELA during the completion of a trial period of mainstream instruction in Grade 3 shall be exited from the program.

If you have questions, please contact me at (440) 356-6800, x7357 or borden.louise@rrcs.org.

Sincerely,

Louise Borden
ELL Coordinator

Please sign and return this paper with your child.

Student: _____

Grade: _____

1. I understand the information in the letter about ELL services.

Yes _____ No _____

2. I would like someone to explain the information in my native language.

Yes _____ No _____

My native language is: _____

3. I would like my child to receive ELL services for the 2011-2012 school year.

Yes _____ No _____

If you do not wish to have your child receive ELL services, we will discuss with you other support that your child may receive. **The district is still required to monitor your child's progress with the OTELA assessment each spring until the exit criteria is met.**

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Phone number