

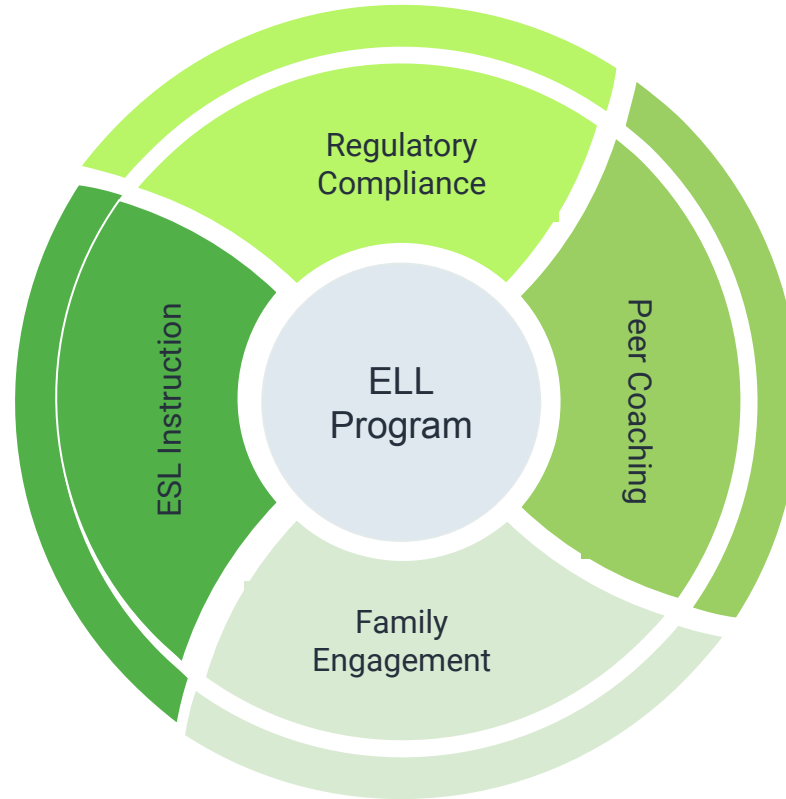
English Language Learning Department

Newton Public Schools

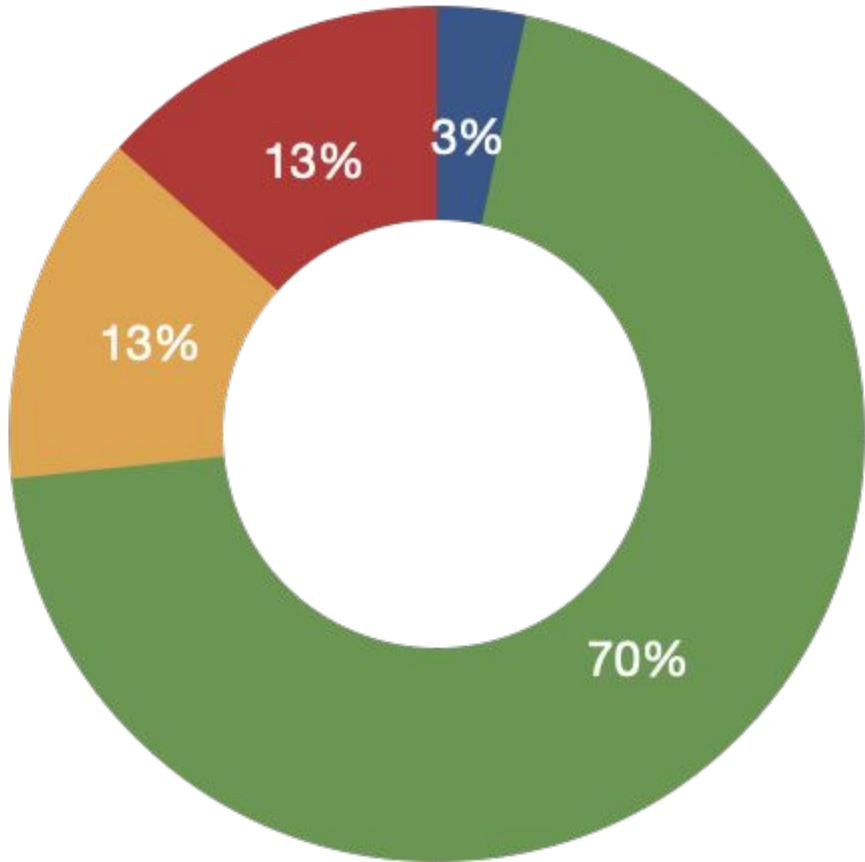
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Roles and Responsibilities of ELL Teachers



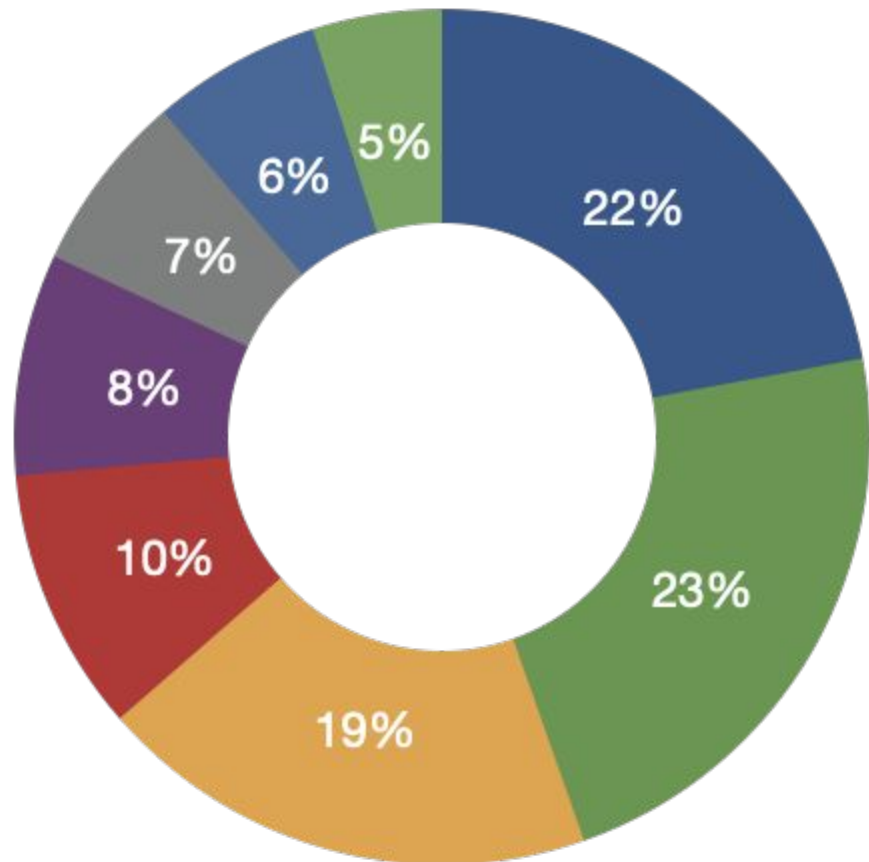
ELL Enrollment



Spring Enrollment PK-12
Approx 750 students

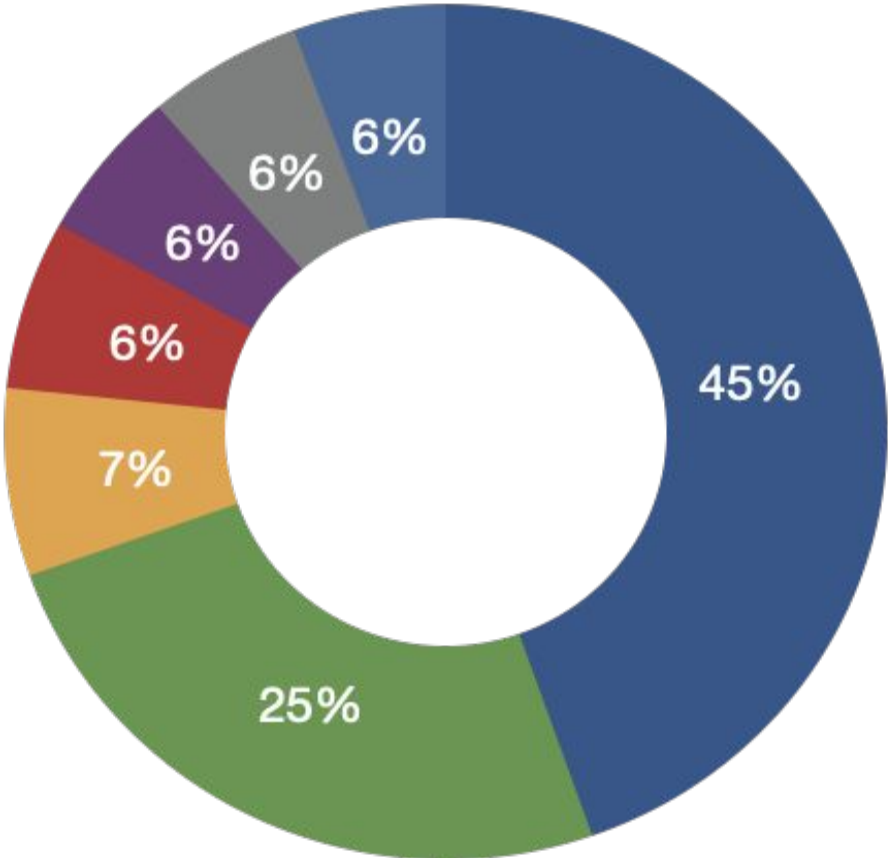
- Preschool
- Elementary
- Middle
- High School

Home Languages



- Spanish
- Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)
- Other languages (40)
- Russian
- Portuguese
- Japanese
- Hebrew
- Korean

Birth Countries



- United States
- 60 other countries
- China
- Israel
- Brazil
- Guatemala
- Japan

Six Levels of Language Proficiency



- Students' skill level in English guides how much ELL support they receive.
- Students are enrolled if their proficiency level is below a WIDA level 5 on an English test called the WIDA Screener.
- Students are eligible to exit ELL after scoring a 4.2 or higher on the ACCESS test.

Sheltered English Instruction

In Massachusetts, instruction for ELs in an SEI program is designed around two main building blocks:

Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) Program

A two-component program model

Sheltered Content Instruction (SCI)

Taught by content-area licensed and SEI-endorsed teacher

Access to grade-level content & development of discipline-specific academic language

Occurs throughout the day, and is designed for optimum EL engagement in content



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Taught by ESL-licensed teacher

Additional linguistic support ELs need delivered through systematic, explicit, sustained focus on language and literacy in the context of the [Frameworks](#)

Occurs for a specific amount of time each day or week, as determined by school, according to student need

ELL OFFICE

- Screen over 1000 students
- Enroll between 300-400 new students annually
- Assist approx. 100 families to register
- Create English Learner Success Plans for approx. 70 students
- Monitor between 550-600 former English Learners for 4 years post exit
- Arrange interpretation and translation for district
- Provide professional development for ELL teachers and general ed teachers
- Oversee Social Work support to students and families through bilingual Social Worker and Family Liaisons
- Supervise and evaluate 40 ELL teachers and 9 ELL aides
- Develop and support ELD Curriculum
- Liaise with the English Language Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC)

SLIFE Program at Newton North

- SLIFE: Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education
- Academic home language skills are 3 or more years below grade level in literacy/math
- Attend specialized courses in Math, Physics and Literacy
- May benefit from alternate pathways to graduation
- ELL Social Worker works with students and families to identify and access resources in collaboration with the Newton Department of Health and Human Services, as well as, counseling and mental health supports.