


Handout C3

English Language Learners
May 3, 2022




Introduction

- Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964
- *Lau v. Nichols*, 414 U.S. 563 (1974)



Roadmap

- English Language Learners Data
- Program Overview
- Funding and Spending
- Student Achievement
- Literature Review



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English Language Learners

2021	Total Student Population	Number of ELL Students	Percentage of Total Student Population
Districts	449,486	37,489	8.3%
Charters	23,082	1,666	7.2%
Total	472,568	39,155	8.3%

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English Language Learners

English Language Learner Enrollment

	Statewide		Districts		Charters	
	ELL	All	ELL	All	ELL	All
2017	41,932	476,772	41,451	462,881	481	13,891
2021	39,155	472,568	37,459	449,486	1,666	23,082
Pct. Increase/Decrease	-6.6%	-0.9%	-9.6%	-2.9%	246%	66.2%

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English Language Learners

Top Five Districts with ELL Students

School District	Number of ELL Students
Springdale School District	7,607
Rogers School District	5,064
Fort Smith School District	3,001
Little Rock School District	2,839
DeQueen School District	878

Top 3 Languages Spoken by ELL Students:

- Spanish (83%)
- Marshallese (8%)
- Vietnamese (1%)

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Entering the Program

1. Home Language Usage Survey

1. What language(s) are spoken in your home?
2. What language did your child learn first?
3. What language does your child speak most often at home?
4. What language does your family speak most often at home?
5. What language do adults speak most often with each other at home?

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Entering the Program

2. ELPA21 Language Proficiency Screener

Measures listening, speaking, reading, and writing proficiency.

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Entering the Program

3. Placement Determination

Made by the Site-Based Language Proficiency and Assessment Committee

Evidence Used:

1. Home Language Usage Survey(s)
2. ELPA21 Screener
3. Professional Judgement Rubric
4. Other Factors

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Entering the Program

4. Parental Notification

- 30 days of enrollment or within two weeks of enrollment in district.
- Be provided in language and understandable format.
- Services can be waived and can be requested to continue at any time.

Entering Students	
2017:	6,102
2021:	5,283

Waived Services	
2017:	281
2021:	467

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Program Overview

Program Types

Three Federal Program Designing Principles:

1. Based on Sound Educational Theory
2. Adequate Staffing and Resources
3. Periodical Evaluations and Revisions

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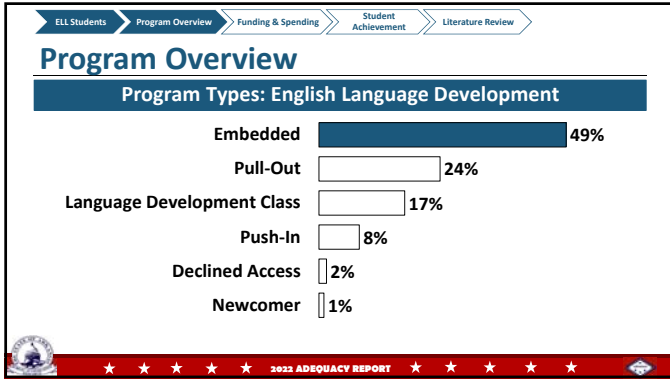
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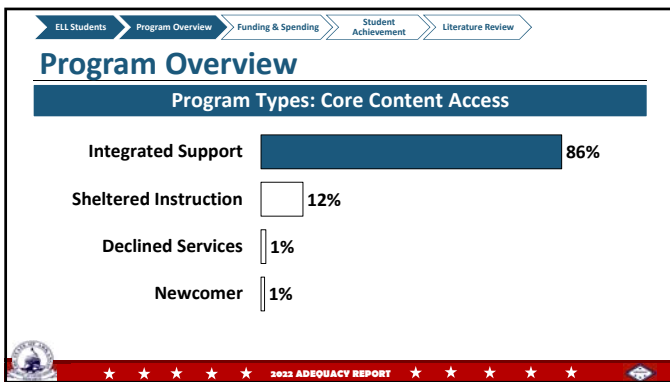
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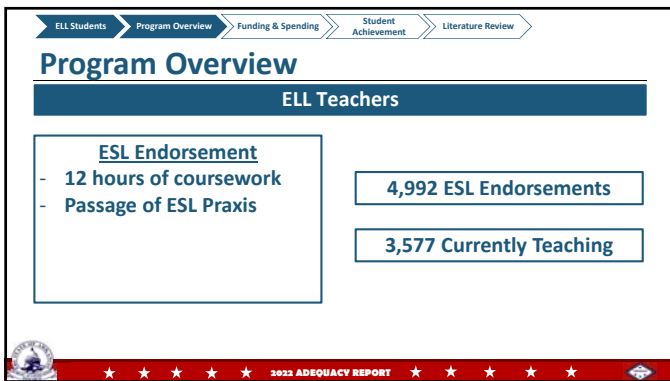
Program Types

English Language Development:	Core Content Access:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push-in • Pull-out • Language Development Class • Embedded • Newcomer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltered Instruction • Integrated Support • Newcomer

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Exiting the Program

Exit Criteria

1. Proficient Level on ELPA21
2. Academic Content Proficiency

Examples:

- Ready/Exceeding on ACT Aspire Individual Components
- 19 or Higher on ACT
- Consistent High Ratings on Writing Portfolio

2017: 9.1% 2021: 8.2%

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Program Overview

Monitoring Exited Students

- Students monitored for 4 years
- Evidence reviewed annually
- Can be returned back to ELL program if needed

Total Students Being Monitored
2017: 5,364

Total Students Being Monitored
2021: 15,818

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Funding and Spending

	2021 Per ELL Student Amount
Categorical Funding	\$352
Categorical Expenditures	\$400
Total ELL Expenditures	\$570

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Funding and Spending

Spending Restrictions

- Salaries for ELL-skilled instructional services
- Relevant trainings for teachers and other providers
- Program development
- Instructional materials and services
- Assessment and evaluation activities

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Student Achievement

Methods of Measuring ELL Student Performance

1. Progress Towards English Language Proficiency
2. Student Achievement on Academic Content
3. Graduation Rate

- ACT Aspire
- National Assessment for Educational Progress

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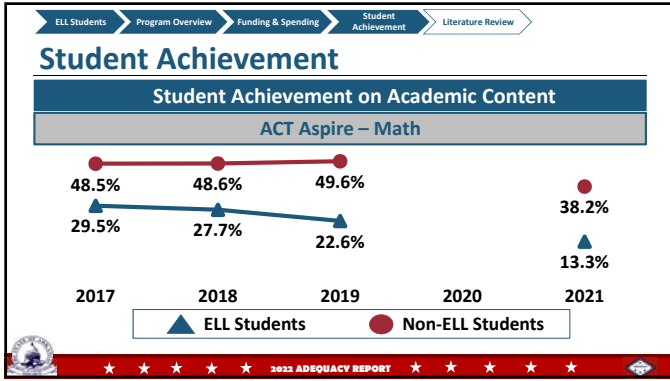
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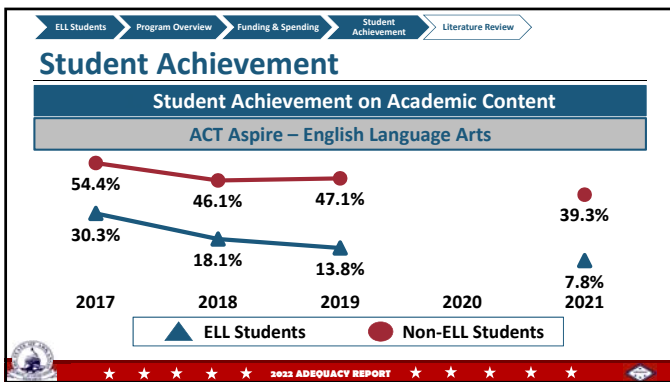
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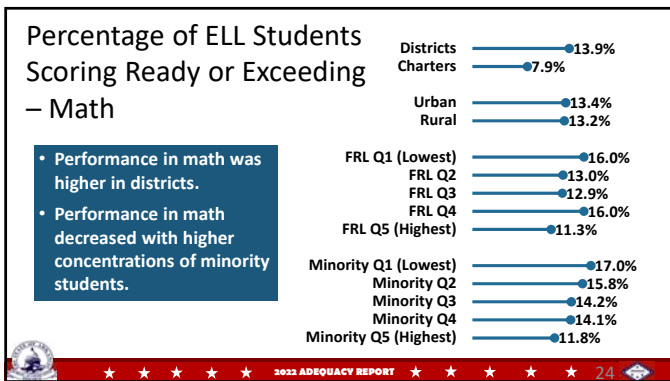
Progress Towards English Language Proficiency

ELPA21 Performance	ELPA21 Student Growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging – 10% • Progressing – 75% • Proficient – 15% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < 80 = Lower Than Expected • Score of 80 = Right on Track • > 80 = Higher Than Expected <p>Average Statewide Growth Score: 83.38</p>

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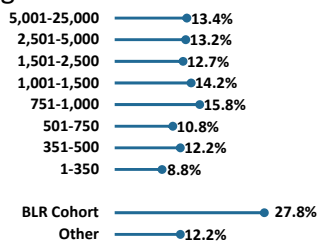




Percentage of ELL Students Scoring Ready or Exceeding

– Math

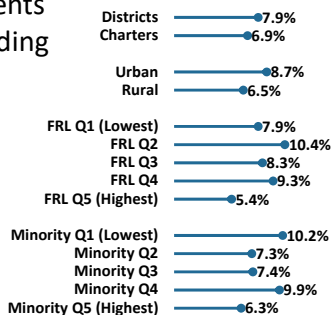
- Performance in math varied but generally decreased with district size.
- Performance in math was twice as high in BLR Cohort schools.



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– ELA

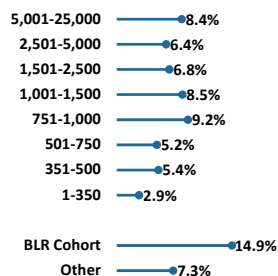
- Performance in ELA was higher in urban schools.
- Performance in ELA varied by minority and FRL concentrations.

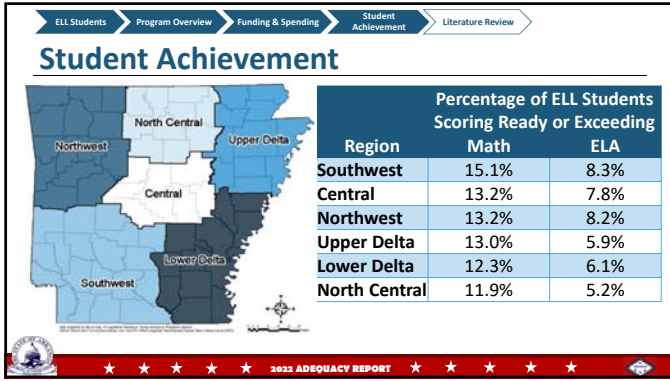


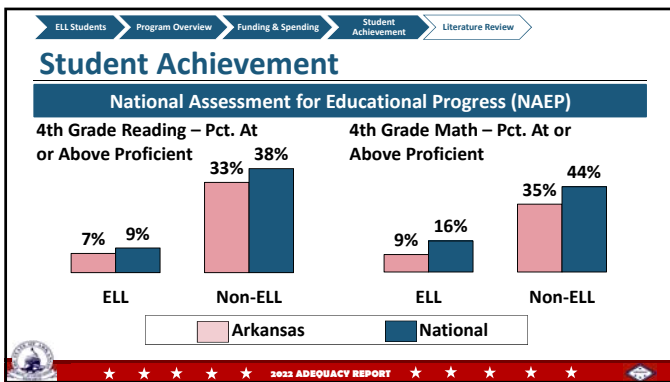
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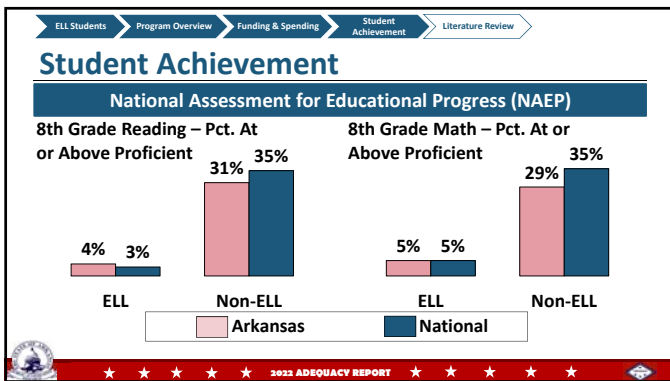
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Graduation Rates of ELL Students

Top NAEP States	Top SREB States	Contiguous States
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest Rate: 76% (Indiana) Lowest Rate: 56% (Virginia) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest: 78% (Texas) Lowest: 54% (Maryland) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest: 83% (Arkansas) Lowest: 41% (Louisiana)

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National ELL Program Types

Pull-Out/Push-In Tutoring	Attend core classes in English and receive separate instructional support by ELL specialists.
Sheltered English Instruction	Stand-alone classroom, typically for ELL students with low English proficiency.
Bilingual Instruction	Ongoing language and subject matter instruction in both native language and English.

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Other State ELL Program Approaches: Top NAEP – ELL Students

1. Indiana	Bilingual Education
2. South Carolina	Governed by Federal EL Guidebook or Federal Law
3. Kansas	Bilingual Education
4. Texas	Bilingual Education, ESL Instruction, or Other Approved Transitional Language Instruction
5. Arkansas	Governed by Federal EL Guidebook or Federal Law

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Questions?