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English Language Learner Program (ELL)

Maritime Academy Charter School is dedicated to providing an excellent education for all enrolled cadets. As a part of our enrollment process, parents are asked if their child has a first language, other than English. If so, cadets are screened using the state mandated WIDA screener tool. Upon completion of the screener, parents are notified if their child is eligible for the ELL program. At that time, parents may choose to accept placement into this program or opt out. All of this is completed within thirty (30) days of the start of the school year.

Our ELL program is designed to improve English language proficiency in the areas of Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. Cadets receive either small group instruction or in-classroom support, dependent on their level of need, by a certified ESL teacher. Additionally, the ESL teacher works with the classroom teachers in providing supports and modifications for the cadet. All instruction is completed in English.

Each year, our ELL cadets take the state mandated WIDA test to determine growth in the areas of Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. Parents are notified if their child will need continued instruction or if they have attained proficiency and may be exited from the program. Students are then monitored, by the ESL teacher, for four years following the cadet's exit from the program.

An English Language Learner (ELL) student may not be retained in a grade due to limited English proficiency (as assessed by the annual English proficiency test – WIDA) in the areas of Reading, Speaking, Writing, and Listening.