

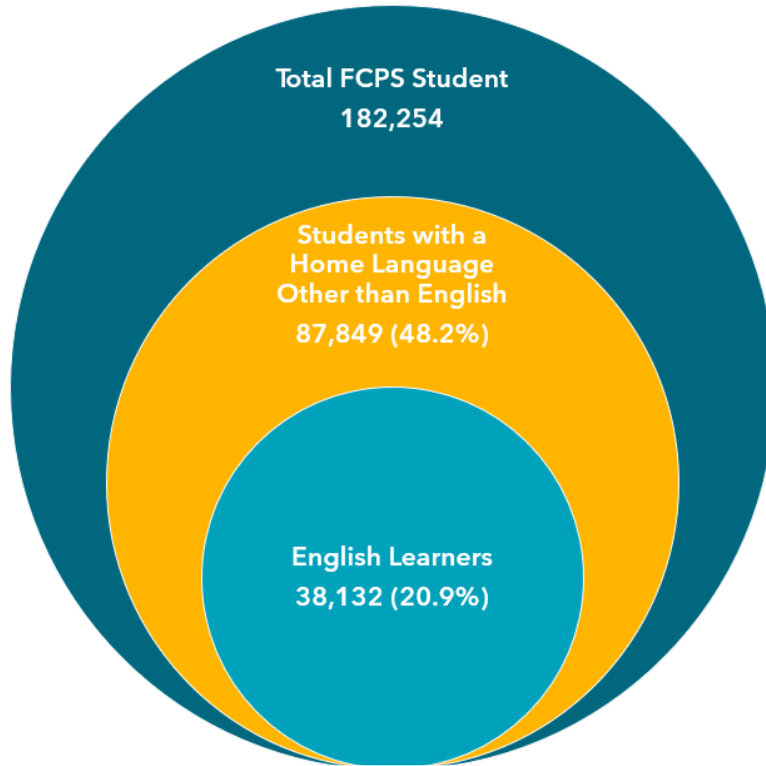
A photograph of two male students in a classroom. The student in the foreground is wearing glasses and a blue and grey shirt, smiling with his right arm raised. The student behind him is wearing a grey baseball jersey and also has his right arm raised. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. In the background, there are classroom desks, papers, and a bulletin board with colorful circular markers.

Literacy Development for English Learners

Academic Matters

March 7, 2024

English Learner Demographics

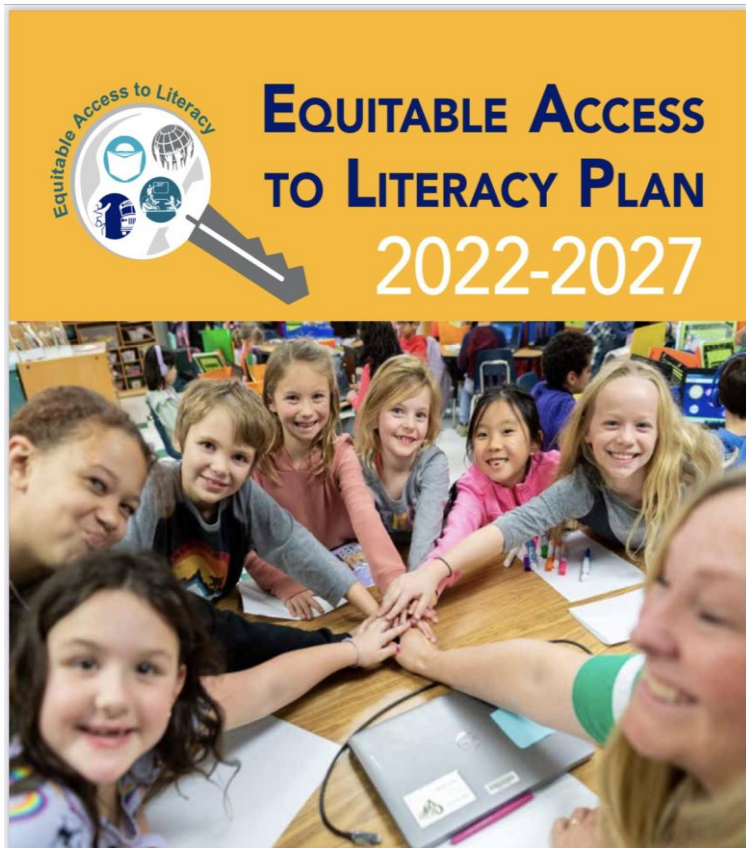


(data as of January 31, 2024)

Students with a Home Language other than English:

Includes students who did not require ESOL Services and former English learners.

English learners: Includes students in grades K-12 who are eligible for ESOL services Levels 1-4.



The EAL plan outlines division strategy to implement evidence based literacy instruction.

Our high expectations and changes to in instructional practice applies to **ALL** students, including our English Learners

Simple View of Reading with English Learners



English Learners require **greater emphasis on oral language development**, so they can attain sufficient language proficiency, which in turn will allow reading comprehension

Literacy Support for English Learners

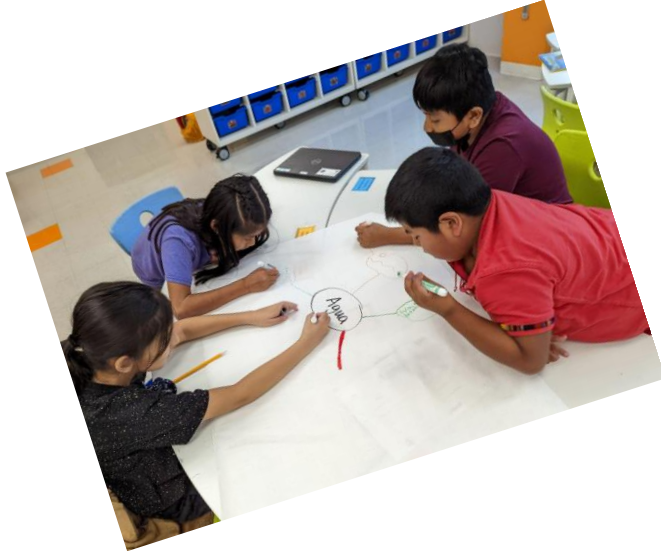
ESOL teachers **explicitly teach language** through **interactive practices** to **expand ELs' language resources** so that ELs can **access, interpret, and communicate** information, ideas, and concepts to increase comprehension.

Increased
English
Learner
Literacy
and
Language
Proficiency

Classroom teachers increase comprehension by using **high leverage strategies** that **support ELs' comprehension** by using visuals, colors, and charts.



Promising Practice



- Project GLAD is a collection of effective, research-based classroom strategies that support language comprehension
- FCPS currently has 302 teachers at 27 Title One schools trained in Project GLAD strategies with a plan to train 300 more in 2024-25.

New Elementary Language Arts Basal Resource

Core Materials Include

- Specific language objectives and differentiated point-of-use scaffolding

Additional Purchase of Benchmark Express

- K-6 English Language Development program to promote language learning.
- Unit topics align to core materials to ensure seamless support for core instruction
- Leverages culture and first language knowledge and fosters learner agency.



2023 SOL Pass Rates by English Language Proficiency Level - Reading

