

ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

April 2025

ELPA Update

ELPA testing is now finished, with 487 students having completed the state English proficiency exam. Results are now in for those who took the test in January, which includes most of the ELs in kindergarten and middle school. While I haven't yet analyzed growth from last year for the middle school students, I am pleased to let you know that there were 10 students who scored in the proficient range on ELPA and will exit from ELD services in June. This is the largest number of exits from CBMS since I can remember. So, congratulations to Karen Laurence and all the CBMS staff!

We are still waiting patiently for the remainder of the ELPA results.

Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy

The process of qualifying for the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy is underway. We have 23 students who have applied for the award. They will have to do the following to earn it:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English. Measures such as the state ELA exam, the ELPA exam, or student work samples can show this. So far, 17 of the 23 have achieved this, with 3 who have partially achieved it.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in another language. This will be measured through use of the Avant STAMP 4s assessment and/or student work samples.
3. Fulfill all graduation requirements.

This year we have one student who is attempting to qualify for the Oregon State Seal of Multiliteracy, or having proficiency in more than 2 languages, in this case English, Spanish, and Mam. How we will measure proficiency in Mam has yet to be figured out.

Libraries

For the second straight month, McNary Heights has led the region in SORA check outs. SORA is an app for phones or tablets through which students and staff can check out e-books and audiobooks. Our library assistants, Danette Prindle and Katie McMillan, have worked hard to educate students about the app and how to use it. If you would like to learn more about the app, or to use it, please reach out to one of use.

Also, this coming Wednesday, our library staff will be attending a regional library conference at IMESD. We look forward to mingling with library staff from around the region and learning new things.

Finally, I'm continuing to work on the Spring EL Collection for ODE, upkeeping of EL files, finalizing the initial CVI Library Collection, and re-writing our EL Plan for ODE.

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!

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