

# ENL (English as a New Language) Middle-Level Programming December 19, 2016

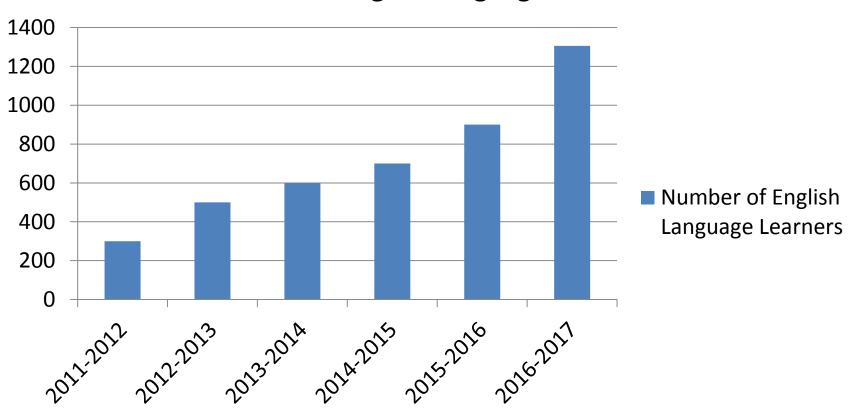
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A story behind the data...



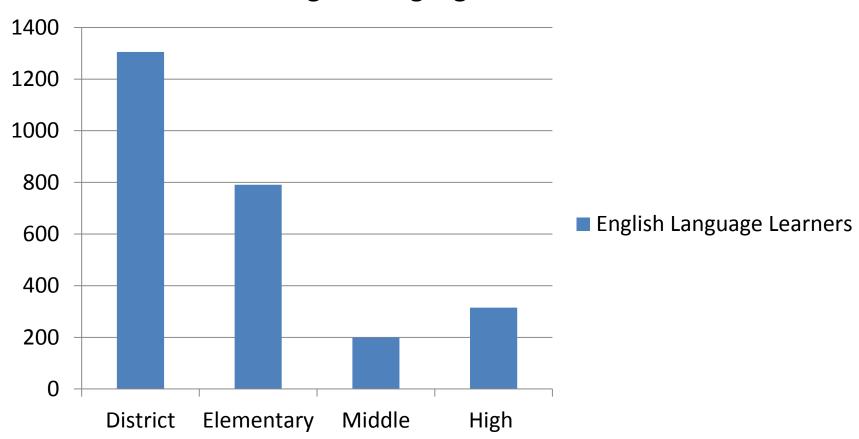
## ENL Student population trends for the past six years

#### **Number of English Language Learners**



### Middle-level ELLs make up 199/1305 total ELLs in the district

#### **English Language Learners**



### Middle-level ENL Programming by school for 2016-2017

- Hackett: 3.4 Teachers, 85 Students
- Myers: 3 Teachers, 81 Students
- North Albany: 3 Teachers, 62 Students (K-8)
   33 Students are middle-school age
- West Hills: 0 Teachers, 0 Students
- For 2017-2018 Each Middle School will need 3 ENL Teachers with 3 full-size classrooms

## What is the CR Part 154? How does it impact middle-level programming?

#### 5 levels of K-8 ENL programming:

Entering: 360 minutes of services per week

Emerging: 360 minutes of services per week

Transitioning: 180 minutes of services per week

Expanding: 180 minutes of services per week

Commanding: 90 minutes of services per week

- English Language Learners may only receive services grouped within two-contiguous grade levels
- 50% of ENL Teacher Schedule must be in core

<sup>\*</sup>As determined by initial diagnostic screening, NYSITELL (New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners), with progress measured annually on the NYSESLAT (New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test).

## Suggestions for Ensuring Equitable Distribution of Supports and Services Across all Middle Schools

- All teachers are ENL teachers
- What is "Sheltered ENL Programming?"
- Culturally responsive selection in curricula
- ENL Services should be in all middle-level buildings
- What is the "Newcomer Program?" An optional, transitional, credit-bearing pathway to graduation for all Entering ELLs. ENL Programming would still need to be provided at all schools for transitioning and expanding (intermediate and advanced) level ELLs.
  - Legally
  - Are we truly being culturally responsive and equitable under our current middle-level model?
  - Economically
    - Transportation
    - Newcomer would serve 200-300 students across the district (75 middle-level students). 125 ELLs would remain in middle schools for ENL programming.
    - \$0 cost for facility
    - Revenue from outside districts. Regional districts would pay a per-pupil cost per year to send Entering ELLs to our program (pending BOE guidelines and available space). No class cap size for ENL Students
    - Under our current structure without the Newcomer Program, we will need more classroom sections, ENL Teachers and Teaching Assistants for class sizes over 24/28 students.

#### Questions