



# Idaho's English Learners

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# Who is an English Learner?



K-12 student

Primary language is not English  
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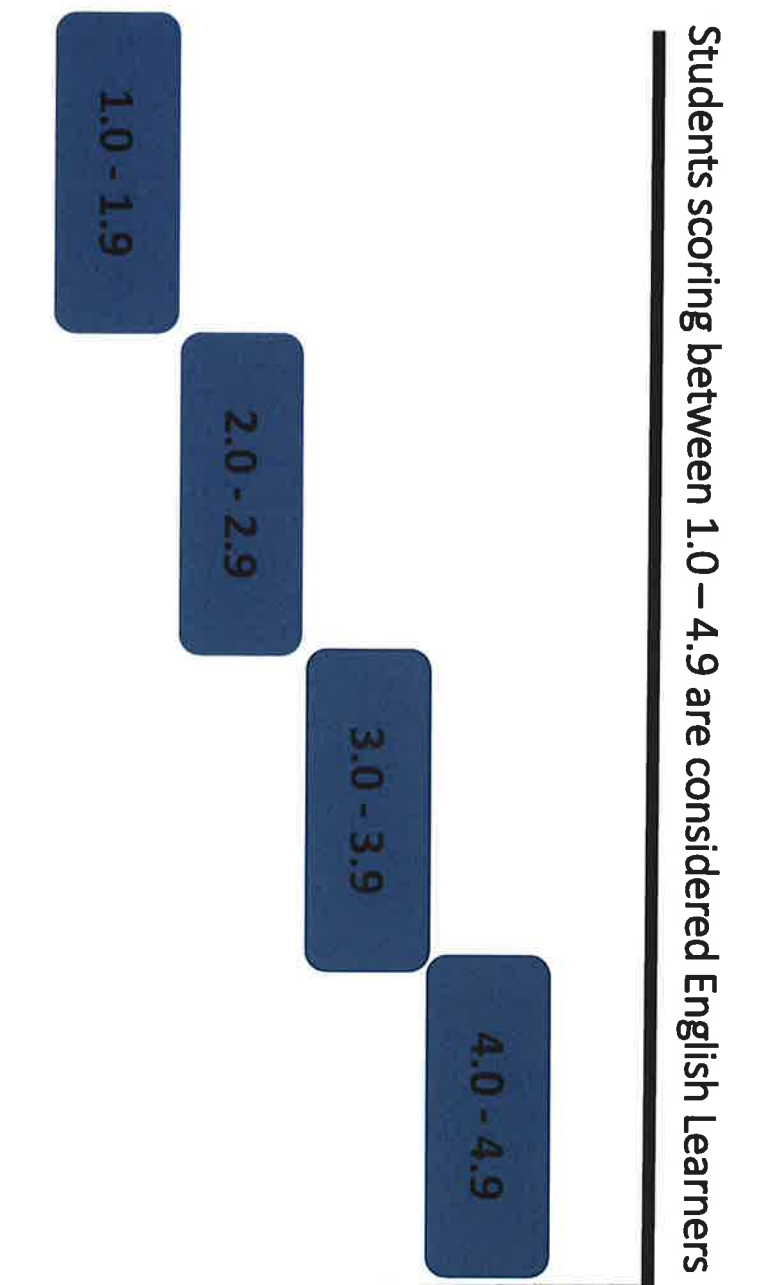
English skills are **not sufficient** to  
be successful in the classroom



# Six Levels of English Language Proficiency



Students scoring between 1.0 – 4.9 are considered English Learners

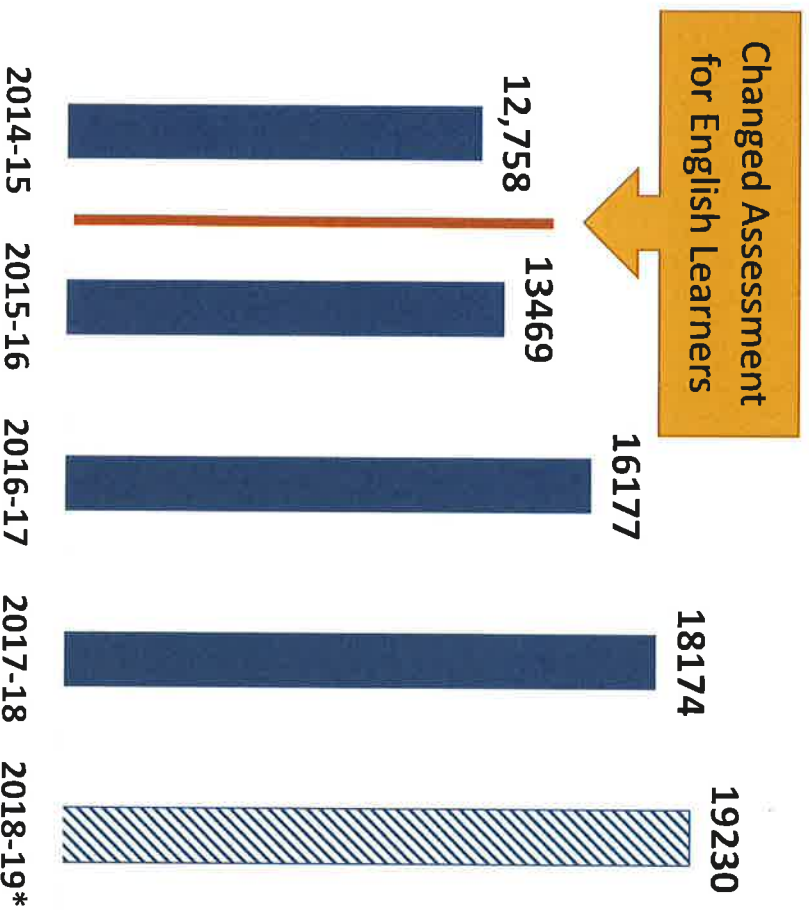


5.0 - 5.9

6.0

Students at levels 5.0-6.0 are considered proficient in English.

# Why are Idaho's EL numbers growing?



Statewide Home Language Survey has helped in identifying students uniformly

Idaho changed English Language proficiency assessments (WIDA - ACCESS)

Exit criteria for the new assessment is too high.

\* Point in time data – March 2019



# How are EL distributed over grade levels?



# Where are English Learners ?



Region	Number of ELs	Percent of EL Population
1	212	1.1%
2	92	.5%
3	10088	52.5%
4	5105	26.5%
5	875	4.6%
6	2858	14.9%



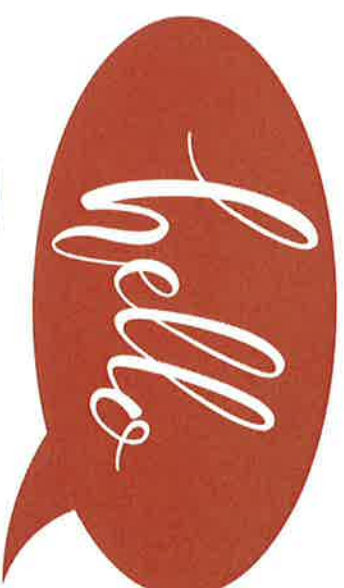


# What languages do students speak?

**81%** speak Spanish as primary language

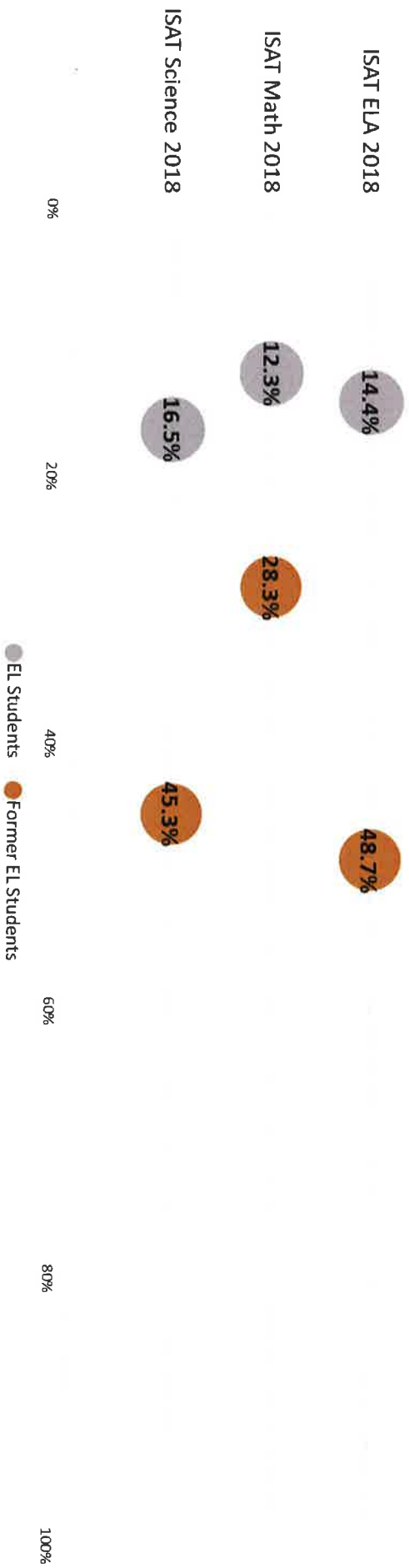
**134** different languages reported for English Learners

Other languages include:  
**Arabic, Swahili, Russian**





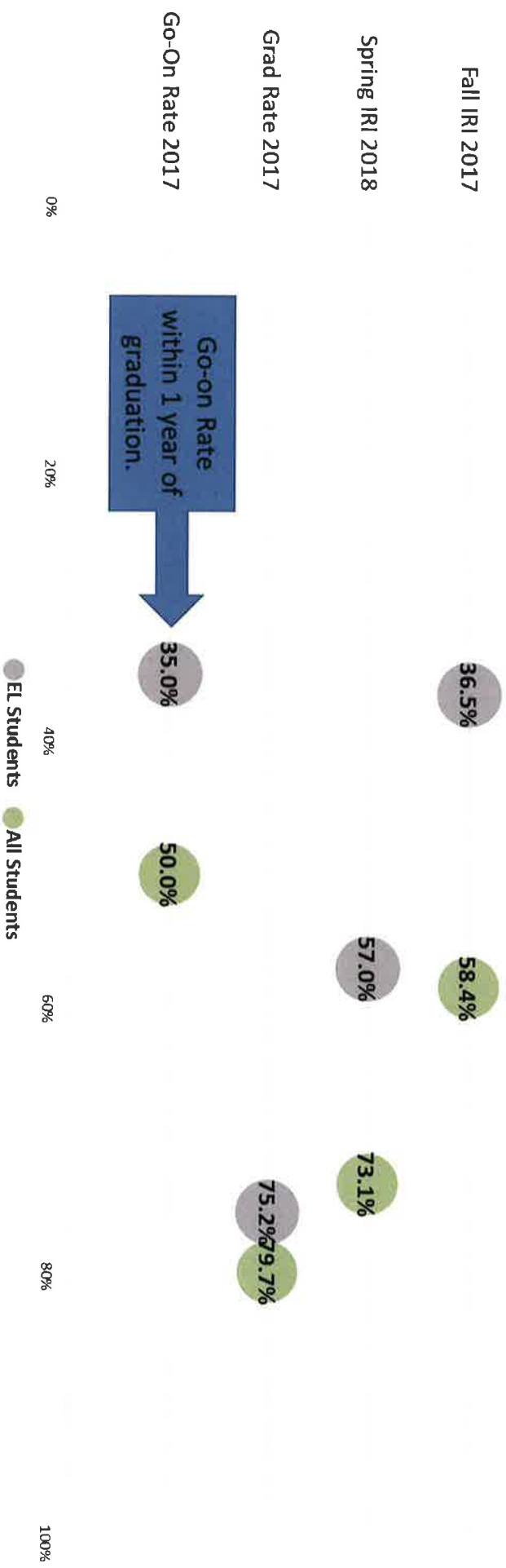
# How are English Learners performing compared to other students?







# How are English Learners performing compared to other students? (cont.)





# What is Idaho doing to help English Learners and what more can be done?





## What is Idaho doing to help ELs?

State EL Funding - \$4.3 million

State EL Enhancement Grants – \$450,000

State EL Curriculum – Imagine Learning – \$2.2 million

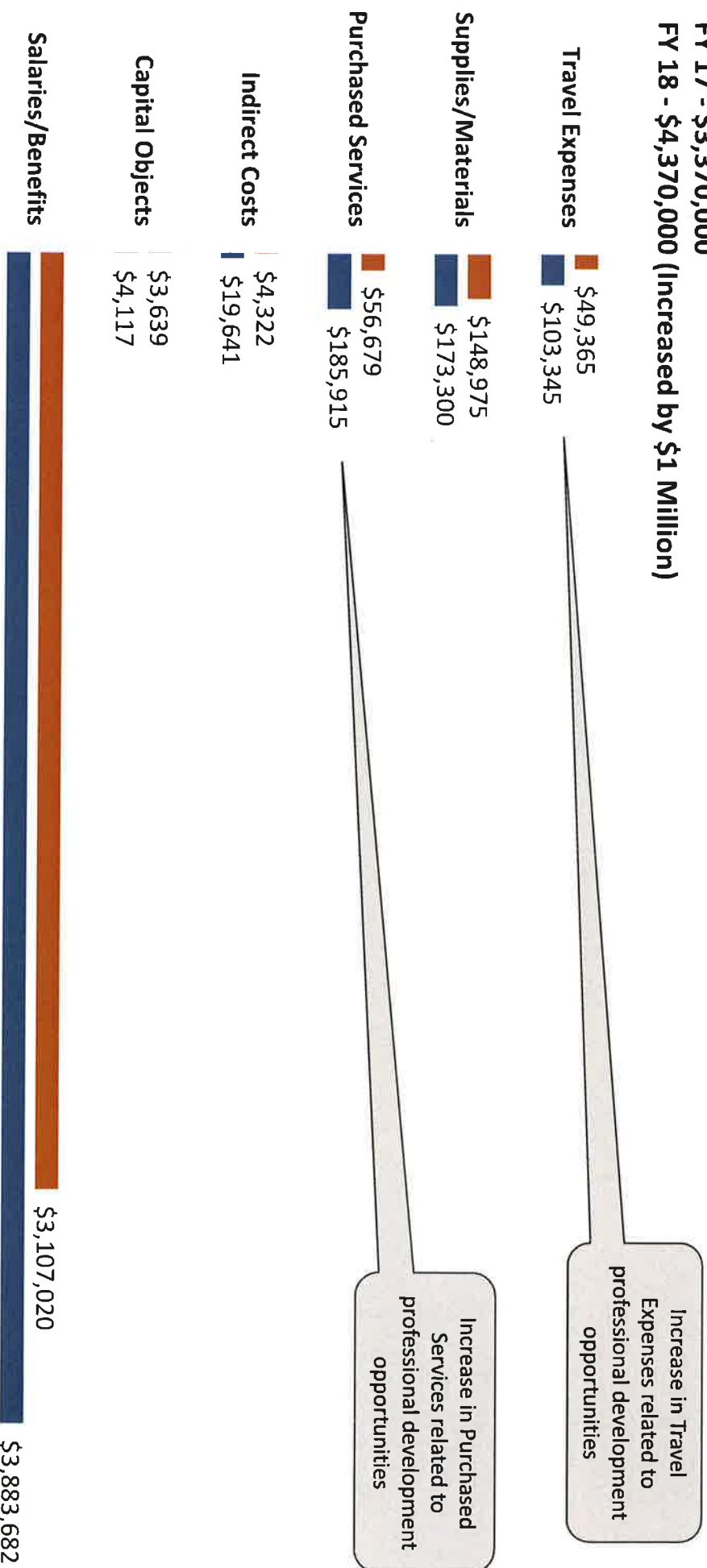
Federal Title III Funding - \$2.1 million

# State English Learner Funding FY 17 & 18



FY 17 - \$3,370,000

FY 18 - \$4,370,000 (Increased by \$1 Million)





# State EL Enhancement Grants

Region	LEA	Grant Award	EL Grant Project
6	Blackfoot (055)	\$83,750	Regional EL Coach for surrounding LEAs
3	Boise Independent (001)	\$83,750	Co-teaching
3	Emmett (221)	\$15,000	Family & Community Outreach for Parents of ELs
6	Fremont (215)	\$83,750	Co-teaching
3	Heritage Community Charter (481)	\$10,000	Embedded support program to serve EL students
4	Jerome Joint (261)	\$15,000	Dual Language Immersion support & training
3	Meridian Joint (002)	\$15,000	Family & Community Outreach for Parents of ELs & Refugees
3	Nampa (131)	\$83,750	Co-teaching
3	Payette Joint (371)	\$15,000	Family & Community Outreach for Parents of ELs
4	Twin Falls – IB Perrine (411)	\$15,000	Embedded support program to serve EL students
4	Twin Falls – Rock Creek (411)	\$15,000	Embedded support program to serve EL students & Parent Liaison for EL students

# State EL Curriculum - Imagine Learning



79 Districts & Charters are using the curriculum

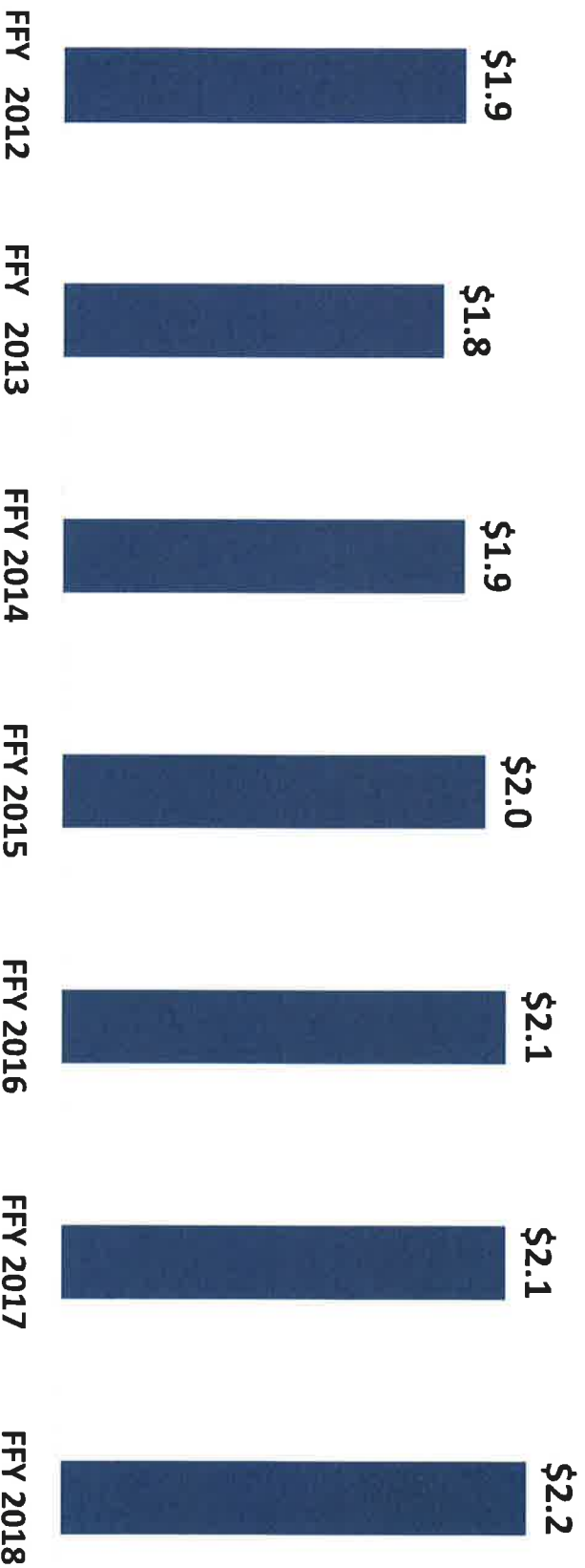
Over **10,000** students have used this instructional tool.



# Federal Title III Funding



Federal Funding In Millions for English Learners





# What is the SDE doing to help ELs?

## EL/Migrant Department

- EL Advisory Committee
- English Learner Management System (ELMS)
- Go-to-Strategies Training
- Statewide Title III Consortium
- Student Leadership Institute





## Who do we collaborate within the SDE to help ELS?

- Federal Programs
- Certification
- Assessment & Accountability
- Special Education
- Advanced Opportunities
- Technology
- And others



# What are schools doing to help ELs?

Implementing effective language programs

Training EL teachers/staff and General Education teachers on how to help their English Learners

# Top priorities for improving EL programs



1. Recruit EL teachers
2. Offer more professional development opportunities and topics
3. Expand regional coaching support to meet the needs of teachers in rural schools with English Learners

**Priorities align with  
SDE Goals 1,2,3**



# Questions?

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