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V.G.1.k. OELAS Extension

Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OLEAS): Specifically identified in the Unitary Status Plan to pursue an OLEAS-approved reading block extension to provide access to rigorous mainstream courses and address the literacy needs of ELLs.

OELAS extension will no longer be recommended to pursue, due to the Arizona State Board of Education approving refinements to the 4 – Hour ELD block K-12. These refinements will allow flexibility within the 4-Hour ELD block that will no longer require us to pursue the OELAS extension. Elementary and self-contained middle schools will have the flexibility to provide English Language Development (ELD) instruction to first year ELLs and all ELLs below the intermediate proficiency level on AZELLA. In addition, these students will be taught using the Arizona English Language Proficiency (AzELP) standards during two hours of targeted ELD Instruction. Also, they will receive a block of integrated ELD instruction where they will receive content instruction with mainstream peer student driven by content CORE standards and AzELP standards.

At the Secondary level, ELLs who are at the pre-emergent/emergent level will receive 120 minutes of targeted ELD instruction and 120 integrated ELD instruction through content. Also, secondary student who are at the basic and intermediate level of proficiency on AZELLA will receive targeted ELD (English Language Development) for 120 minutes per day and also receive integrated ELD instruction using sheltered strategies for a portion of their day.