

Rationale:

This year we are fortunate to have three bilingual staff members that are utilized district wide to provide translation/interpretations across Newport as well as two to three professionals at each school. Statewide students begin testing in grade 3 for KAS. In the last seven years we have not exited high school students from our EL Program and it is imperative that we make these necessary changes to provide district wide services to support all students.

Newport Independent Schools EL Teacher Allocations SY: 2022-2023		
Staffing Allocations	Teachers/Paraprofessionals	School
5/6 & 1/2	EL Teacher & Para's	NPS
5/6 & 1/2	EL Teacher & Para's	NIS
1 ^{1/3}	EL Teachers	NHS

Newport Independent Schools EL Student Instructional Supports & Services SY 2022/2023		
School	Number of EL Students	EL Teacher/Paraprofessional Supports & Services
Preschool	17	EL Para 2
NPS	48	EL Teacher, Para 1 & Para 2
NIS	61	EL Teacher, Para 2
NHS	70	EL Teacher 1 & 2 & Para 1
NSOI	2	EL Teacher 2

Newport Independent Schools EL Student New Enrollment SY: 2022-2023		
School Year (SY)	New Student Enrollment	Newport Adult Learning Center (EL Classes) for Adults
SY: 20-21	1	0
SY: 21-22	5	0
SY: 22-23	13	5

Newport Independent Schools EL Newcomer Program SY: 2022-2023		
School	Number of Students	EL Teacher
NHS	12	EL Teacher 2

Affordable Languages:

The contractor from Affordable Languages: Cy Zack will provide professional learning at no cost with Newport on October 17th during Supt. Cabinet meeting to build capacity Districtwide with District Leaders and school personnel to bridge the language gap in sharing how language services can be used in serving

our families, using global innovative solutions aimed at overcoming communication barriers, devoted to the weight of words and the power of words have too better each of us culturally & linguistically.

All Newport Schools will receive Affordable Languages professional learning offering in:

Date: November 2022

NPS & NIS - TBA

NHS -TBA

To support languages spoken we purchased Affordable Languages during 21-22 school year. Affordable Languages was purchased with Title III funding.

Currently, we have four languages spoken and a few dialects spoken. Those languages include but are not limited to the following: as we grow our demographics in our efforts to serve all students and families here at Newport.

Languages spoken:

-Spanish & dialects

-Arabic

-Gujarati

-Hindi

Newport Newcomer program:

During the 2022 -2023 school year Newport launched a Newcomers program housed at Newport High School.

-Newcomers must learn how to navigate a new culture socially

- Master a new language

- Adjust to a new and different, educational system.

Many of our students enter Newport schools with little or no formal education or fluency in English. Some have fled terrible conditions in their homelands. Others are here without their families. However, despite challenges, all share dreams of being successful students and productive members in our schools and communities, while remaining connected to their cultures and native languages as they become first generation Americans.

If you should need anything else please let me know.

Respectfully,

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