English Language Learners / Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ sheet will be updated as new information becomes available.

My student does not speak English. Will they be able to utilize the virtual learning program?
Delivery of ELL instructional services will continue to be provided by a licensed ELL teacher, both within the classroom and via online learning. In addition, the teacher may utilize digital resources that are designed to increase language development and literacy.

How will KCS ensure that masks and social distancing don’t prevent my ELL student from understanding their teachers or classmates?
Student Supports will provide alternative face coverings in these circumstances. In addition, ELL teachers will incorporate the use of visuals and comprehensible input strategies to increase student comprehension.

How will my child be screened for ESL services?
Your child has three options for being screened for ESL services:
1. Your child may be screened at the Welcome Center during enrollment, or you may schedule an appointment.
2. You may request the ELL teacher at your school to screen your child.
3. If the district has to go to on-line instruction only, your child will be screened on-line with the SOLOM Rubric (Student Oral Language Observation Matrix). If they qualify, they will receive on-line support. Once classes resume, the student will be screened with the WIDA Screener.