



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OELAS Webinar Wednesday, May 17, 2023: High School English Credit Guidance and Implications for English Learners Frequently Asked Questions

Definitions

Targeted Instruction (English Language Development): *Explicit language instruction, driven by Performance Indicators of the ELP Standards, that intentionally develops students' English language skills, knowledge, and abilities to support content learning in English.*

Integrated Instruction: *Integration of English language learning with academic content learning within a heterogeneously grouped setting with non-English learners and English learners of various levels of ELP. This instruction includes conscientious scaffolding and differentiated instruction based on English language proficiency level that meets individual student needs and allows for access to content.*

HS Credit Assignment

1. Do reading courses such as Read 180 qualify for ELA credits? *Read 180 is a curricular source. Credits are determined by LEA.*
2. I distinctly recall being given an initial directive the SEI course would NOT count towards English credits for graduation. Are you saying that SEI courses can count for HS English credit if the LEA determines it can? *ELA coursework is not the same as SEI Targeted Instruction coursework due to the standards driving instruction for each. The LEA determines the credit assigned to each course. An SEI Targeted Instruction course can count towards high school graduation requirements set by the LEA.*
3. Is it up to the districts to determine credits for any class that is titled "ELD"? or is ADE mandating no English credits for ELD classes? *OELAS does not mandate credits; the LEA determines the credit assigned to each course. (please see question 2)*
4. Can the Targeted instruction be structured in a way that incorporates a social studies credit? I.e., can one class count as a social studies credit and be targeted instruction for ELs? *Targeted Instruction (ELD) is driven by the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS); therefore, Targeted Instruction (ELD) cannot yield Social Studies credit. Social Studies may be designated as an Integrated Instruction course where **the ELPS are supporting ELs with the language in order to engage in the learning of the social studies content.***
5. Testing is just to see which math or ELA class they should take, which level of difficulty. *Please contact the colleges for information.*
6. On 8/11/22 OELAS sent guidance from ADE that shows a table that specifically states targeted ELD instruction can only receive elective credit. What you are saying today contradicts that. It is confusing. Can you please go back and review the OELAS Guidance from the field and clarify the confusion created from that document. *The previous guidance stated that "Targeted ELD courses are Electives." After collaborating with departments within ADE and the public universities, we are providing LEAs with updated guidance. This is what we used in preparation for 23-24. We have all secondary students slated for this elective AZ1070 per this document. Is this no longer an expectation? Our organization has already hired a secondary targeted ELD teacher. Targeted Instruction (ELD) is a requirement of EL services under Principle 3 of Arizona's Language Development Approach. Targeted Instruction (ELD) is driven by the ELP Standards. The LEA decides if it wishes to award elective credit or ESL credit for high school graduation. We are ensuring that LEAs know that SEI (Targeted Instruction ELD) course will not be accepted as English credit for university admission requirements (according to the public universities). ELA courses yield required English credit; SEI (Targeted Instruction ELD) courses are not the same as ELA courses.*



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College Entry Requirements

- Have you researched what ELA credits are required for entrance in community college? *No. OELAS received a lot of questions/concerns regarding how ELs' opportunities for admission to universities was being impacted; at this time, we have only consulted with the Arizona public universities. We encourage LEAs to consult local community colleges to build their knowledge of admission requirements and support ELs with the correct information.*

General

- What do you recommend that we do for seniors that are graduating now? *This clarifying guidance is for moving forward. High school seniors graduating now have hopefully received support throughout their years at your LEA in fulfilling their graduation requirements and receiving the information and connection to their post-secondary institutions for guidance and support.*
- Can an ESL student's first language count as a foreign language credit? If so, do they need to take a proficiency test? *This is an LEA decision.*
- What is CLEP? *College-Level Examination Program*
- Can EL students at the intermediate level (not English proficient according to AZELLA), in an ELD program, take an ELA class instead of an SEI/ELD class? Is this an LEA decision? *EL students enrolled in an EL program must receive SEI - Targeted Instruction (ELD); therefore, ELs cannot take ELA instead of SEI courses. We strongly recommend high school ELs are scheduled for both ELA and SEI courses. The EL's post-secondary plans should determine which courses to take throughout high school to fulfill those requirements.*
- There was an earlier piece as suggesting kids deficient in ELA credits get them there and then reapply for a 4-year (*I think it means they get at CC and then reapply to university*). Usually if deficient you can earn them at CC level. *The OELAS team is unsure of the exact question being asked here. Through our conversations with the universities, we learned that there are many pathways to help all students gain admission to a university. Some options include starting at the community college and then transferring to university. Please contact community colleges and universities for more information.*
- I'm understanding what you are saying. When I bring this information to my principal, he will request something in writing he can see and use to articulate to anyone else who might ask. Can ADE/OELAS issue an updated guidance? *Yes. It is included the follow-up email and will be posted to the OELAS website.*