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Technology is key for English Language Learners to master English

Using Google Translate builds English language skills. Students in the district speak more than 80 different languages.



Bianca Ramos using Google Translate

Today sixth- through eighth-grade *English Language Learner* (ELL) students are using electronic devices with free software to master English. *Google Translate* is a “just in time” tool for students to translate assignments, conversations and directions. Students can translate important forms such as field trip permissions – even medical records.

Students can actively take part in class discussions using the translator. They can communicate across multiple languages, work together to complete projects or work through daily tasks. Teachers use the devices and software for messages to students. The process works well the other way too – with students sending messages to teachers

who can translate those instantly into English.

“This really makes a difference in student engagement,” said Dan Hansen, Evergreen Middle School sixth-grade English teacher. “As I would too, some of my ELL students have a hard time focusing because it’s so difficult to understand what we’re talking about for a long time. This gives them a way to engage and pick up at least some of the learning.”



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