

# Educating ELLs Beyond the Regular Classroom

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## Context:

Currently, there are around five million ELLs in the public school system of United States.

To be successful, many English Language Learners (ELLs) may need additional opportunities for instruction outside of the regular school day.

## Research Questions:

After observing at *El Puente*, an after-school program for ELLs, I wanted to learn more about how to effectively support ELLs.

What strategies make the after-school programs for ELLs successful?

What do the ELL after school programs do to ensure that all students receive necessary support?

## Recommendations:

- Get to know the culture/background of each student
- Become aware of what supports are available for ELLs



## Findings:

1. Conduct sessions at school in an informal environment
2. Engage parents/families in the process
3. Use primary language of student
4. Create unique ways of learning
5. Allow time to practice what is taught
6. Collaboration among instructors

Figure 1. Percentage of public school students who were English language learners, by state: School year 2014–15

