

English Language Learner Software Licenses Budget Review

What is it? Why is the State involved?

The English Language Learner (ELL) Software Licenses appropriation provides local education agencies (LEAs) with educational software for literacy and oral language development for English language learners in Utah’s public schools. The program’s curriculum is based on five essential components of reading which are phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The program is utilized by students in grades K-12. This program supports increasing academic achievement, literacy skills, and language gains for ELL students. It also aims to create a connection for students between school and home by providing parents with specific printouts, available in the students’ first language, describing skills on which students are working so students can practice at home.

Organization

The English Language Learner Software Licenses appropriation is administered by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). It contracts with Imagine Learning following a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process.

Funding

- The appropriation for the program in FY 2018 is \$3.0 million ongoing from the Education Fund.
- Imagine Learning is paid in four payments across the fiscal year.

English Language Learner Software Appropriations, FY 2009—FY 2018

Reporting

No formal reporting requirement.



Date	Expenditures
October 2015	750,000
January 2016	750,000
April 2016	750,000
July 2016	750,000
Total	3,000,000

Date	Expenditures
December 2016	750,000
March 2017	750,000
May 2017	750,000
July 2017	750,000
Total	3,000,000

