

**Acton Public Schools
Acton-Boxborough Regional School District**

**ELE Acronyms and Key Terms
English Learner Education (ELE) Programs & Services Provided at Schools**

Acronym/Term	Description
ELE	English Learner Education Programs & Services Provided by the Schools
ELL or EL	English Language Learner or English Learner Any student who has a home language other than or in addition to English AND who receives ELE support
ESL	English as a Second Language Still used today to describe ELL students, particularly at the University and Adult Education levels, as well as teachers of ELLs (ESL Teacher)
TESOL	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages – national professional organization for teachers
MATSOL	Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages
BICS	Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (everyday language interaction skills)
CALPS	Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency Skills (language skills needed to be successful in the academic world)
LEP	Limited English Proficient
FLEP	Formerly Limited English Proficient students who have been exited from an ELL program
L1	Native Language or Language of the Home
L2	Target Language – Language of the School (English)
Question 2	Voted “Yes” by Massachusetts voters banning bilingual education . No use of students’ native language in classroom instruction. <i>Exception:</i> there is a 1-year waiver that would allow support in the L1 if parents request it, and there are enough students to organize the class.
Affective Filter	If students’ anxiety levels are high, their learning will decrease. All students, especially language learners, need a non-threatening environment in which to learn language.
Comprehensible Input	Teachers need to present language that is understandable for a non-native speaker
ELD	English Language Development
WIDA	World-Class Instructional Design; source of proficiency standards for English Language Learners
ACCESS	Annual English Proficiency Assessment for all ELL students in Massachusetts Schools