

Selective Enrollment Elementary School: Grades K-8

Regional Gifted Centers for English Learners

The Following Schools have Regional Gifted Centers for EL Students:

- Horace Greeley Elementary School
- Orozco Fine Arts & Sciences Elementary School
- Pulaski International School of Chicago

What is a Regional Gifted Center for EL?

Regional Gifted Centers for English Learners or EL-RGC are programs designed to meet the needs of high-ability students whose primary language is Spanish or Polish.

Note: Only Greeley's program is open to Polish-speaking applicants, but all 3 programs serve Spanish-speaking applicants.

Who can apply to an EL-RGC?

EL-RGC's are only for students who indicate a language of Spanish or Polish on the application. Any student meeting the minimum eligibility requirements can submit an application for an EL-RGC.

Eligibility & Ranking

Any student who wants to apply for an EL-RGC must list **Spanish or Polish as their primary language** in the application.

Students can **select up to 3** Regional Gifted Centers for English Learners. Make sure to rank programs in the true order that you would want to attend them. When programs are ranked, you may **receive a single best offer** for the highest-ranked program that you matched with. If a student receives an offer, they will not be matched with any program they have ranked lower than the received offer.

Students applying to Grades 5-8 ONLY: Minimum GPA 2.5¹

¹ Calculated from final cumulative grades from the previous school year in Math, Reading, Science, & Social Science

Selections, Offers & the Waitlist

Selections are based on a points system in which students are placed in **descending total point order**. Students with the highest scores will receive offers first until all the seats are filled.

If an offer is received, the student will not be waitlisted for any other EL-RGC program. If no offer is received, the applicant will be waitlisted for all programs for which they applied and are eligible.

Students must have a minimum of 150 points to participate in the waitlist.

Waitlists are re-ranked in descending point order nightly.

Scoring Rubric

Overview - 300 pts.

A total of 300 points can be earned from the Entrance Exam. A standardized combo score is provided and can be used to convert into 300 points using the table to the below.

Score Calculation

We determine the total points by subtracting your score from 160, multiplying the result by 2.5, and subtracting that result from 300 to get a maximum of 300 points.

Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points
160+	300	139	247.5	118	195
159	297.5	138	245	117	192.5
158	295	137	242.5	116	190
157	292.5	136	240	115	187.5
156	290	135	237.5	114	185
155	287.5	134	235	113	182.5
154	285	133	232.5	112	180
153	282.5	132	230	111	177.5
152	280	131	227.5	110	175
151	277.5	130	225	109	172.5
150	275	129	222.5	108	170
149	272.5	128	220	107	167.5
148	270	127	217.5	106	165
147	267.5	126	215	105	162.5
146	265	125	212.5	104	160
145	262.5	124	210	103	157.5

144	260	123	207.5	102	155
143	257.5	122	205	101	152.5
142	255	121	202.5	100	150
141	252.2	120	200	99	147.5
140	250	119	197.5	98	145

Tie-Breaker Process

Definition: the method used to determine the order in which applicants are placed in line for selections when the total points achieved is the same.

How does it work?

1. The total number of points is calculated based on the entrance exam score using the tables above.
2. Students are all placed in descending total point order (highest to lowest).
3. If there is a case of students with the same total points and not enough seats for all students to get an offer, the tie-breaker is applied.

Order that the tie-breaker is run

- Total Number of Points
 1. Composite Score
 2. Lottery

In cases where a lottery is required, a computerized lottery will determine the order that the tied students will be placed in the line.