Lewis Palmer School District’s Adult Literacy Classes aim to support culturally and linguistically diverse families to learn or improve their English in order to improve their communication skills with their children’s schools.

The Adult Literacy Classes are open to anyone in the community, but are targeted for parents with children enrolled in the school district. The classes are scheduled for 90 minutes in the evenings twice a week during the school year, which works with most working-parents’ schedules. An adult English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum is employed by an English language teacher within the district.

A celebration potluck is held at the end of the year to congratulate parents and participants on the progress made during the last several months. Participants and graduates of the program are able to support student outcomes through educational support and homework help.

For those interested in implementing a similar program, Lewis Palmer School District contacts have two recommendations: start small and be flexible. For example, the current location of the classes is central, but there are scheduling issues and the building is now alarmed. Sometimes scheduling conflicts cause the classes to change rooms. To overcome this obstacle, all of the adult students have the teacher’s cell phone number to text if they are late, and she will let them in. The teacher waits for all students prior to class.