

Gonzaga – Spokane Public Schools Summer Language Program

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The Gonzaga – Spokane Public Schools Summer Language Program (SLP), now in its 19th year, has become the biggest sheltered program for ELLs in the region, and possibly the state. Last year, we enrolled over 300 students from more than 40 language backgrounds, and introduced a different STEM-based curriculum at each grade level. Last year was also the second year in which we offered a pre-K class, which meant that parents could attend the adult class without having to worry about childcare. Most of the expenses for the SLP come from a School's Out Washington Refugee Impact grant together with funding from tuition and fees paid by the trainee teachers who participate. The WAESOL Project Funding grant will allow us to make up the budgeting shortfall in the areas of supplies, so that the participants have an end-of-program "year book" to remember their friends, and daily snacks for the SLP students. While these are to some extent luxuries, they make a big difference in creating a memorable program so that our ELLs return year after year.

View a press release about the program [here](#).

Many thanks again to WAESOL for helping us to fund the Summer Language Program!

To apply for a 2018 Project Funding Grant (\$500) visit the Grants, Awards, Scholarships page on the WAESOL website. www.waesol.org