

# English Language Learning



THE BEMENT SCHOOL



*“I would recommend the ELL program to the incoming international students. I appreciate the interesting teaching style and the wonderful atmosphere inside and outside the classroom. During the class, not only does the course enhance our reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills, but it also improves our interpersonal and communication skills.”*

— Former ELL student







# Be curious.



The Bement School aims to enroll a globally and locally diverse group of students. Our English Language Learning program helps students for whom English is not a native language succeed in our academic program. The ELL program at Bement consists of specialized English language learning class sections that provide support in reading, writing, and speaking English, as well as support for achieving success in other academic disciplines.

*“ELL has definitely helped me gain confidence with English. Our class discussions were very fun, and I was able to share my thoughts easily. My grammar and vocabulary uses also improved, as our classes did a lot of practice throughout the year!”*

— Former ELL student



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING PLACEMENT

To be admitted to Bement, a student must have the ability to speak, read, understand, and write English well enough to participate in all academic areas without extensive help. Once enrolled, students complete an online proficiency test (iTEP). These results, along with an assessment of the student's school performance and an interview, help determine placement in ELL. English language learners require at least one year and often up to two years of English language study at Bement.

Be immersed.







## CLASS CONTENT

The ELL curriculum gives students daily opportunities to refine their reading, writing, speaking, and listening abilities. Students learn new vocabulary, participate in literature-discussion circles, make research presentations, and write essays related to their classroom texts. Because of the small size of their ELL classes, students receive instruction according to their levels of English proficiency. This personalized instruction allows students to participate fully in their other academic classes, in which they learn among the general student population.



## READINESS FACTORS

The Bement School faculty believe that ELL students are best prepared for our rigorous general English curriculum when they can demonstrate the following skills:

- Writing independently and in a manner that is plainly understood by teachers and peers
- Demonstrating comprehension of grade-level reading texts
- Speaking clearly and conveying ideas effectively in classroom conversations and presentations
- Easily understanding spoken language during classroom discussions

# Be ready.







## OUR HISTORY

Grace "Menty" Allan Power Bement, a tutor and drama coach deeply interested in education and women's suffrage, founded The Bement School in 1925. The school grew quickly as word spread about Grace Bement's educational philosophy: education should be tailored to the needs of the individual child while emphasizing responsibility for the rights of others. This early foundation persists today, as Bement is dedicated to the development of each student while cultivating a strong community.

## OUR MOTTO

*Alis Propriis Vola* Fly on Your Own Wings

## OUR LOCATION

Located in the historic town of Deerfield, Bement is surrounded by natural beauty and situated within an intellectual and cultural haven that includes the esteemed Five Colleges, world-renowned museums, and charming New England towns. Our campus, where Deerfield Academy is our neighbor, is just minutes off I-91, which connects Hartford to Vermont and is easily accessible to nearby cities.



# We invite you to visit.

## CONTACT ADMISSIONS

We would be thrilled to assist you in learning more about Bement. Visit our website at [bement.org](http://bement.org). Please do not hesitate to contact us directly with any questions at 413.774.4209 or [admit@bement.org](mailto:admit@bement.org).

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