

ESOL Program



What Does a Program for English Language Learners (ELL) Provide?

- Help in identifying limited English proficient students
- Planning with administrators to design policies that meet the needs of eligible students
- Communication with other teachers regarding ESOL students in mainstream classrooms
- Demonstration of proficiency in English by serving as a language role model
- Use of English as the principal medium of instruction in the areas of pronunciation, listening comprehension, speaking, sentence structure, reading and writing
- Selected activities and materials for ESOL use based on the language proficiency level of the students
- An interest in, and an understanding of, the native culture of the students; provision of experiences that encourage positive student self-concept; explanation of the ESOL program to parents/guardians and their children's education

Who is Considered ELL?

An English Language Learner (ELL) is someone who:

- was not born in the United States and whose native language is not English; or
- comes from a home where a language other than English is spoken exclusively; or
- comes from a home where a language other than English is commonly spoken; or
- for the above reasons, has difficulty using English in school to the extent that he or she is unable to learn successfully in the classroom where English is the only language of instruction