

Polk County School Board
New Charter Applicant Orientation
Overview of ESOL

Definition:

ESOL is the acronym for English for Speakers of Other Languages. Students who come into the school system speaking a first language other than English are often referred to as ESOL or English Language Learner (ELL) students.

Charter School Requirements:

1. Present a system to monitor completion of ESOL Certification for staff members.
2. Present a system for the identification of school personnel responsible for completing ESOL paperwork.
3. Present a system to monitor the use of the ESOL Strategies by teachers who have ELL students in their classrooms.
4. Provide evidence of outreach/recruitment to linguistically and culturally diverse populations.

Annual Reports should include:

1. Number of LY, LP, and LF students attending during the past year.
2. Number of teachers with ESOL certification.
3. Status of other staff in relation to ESOL certification.