

Title III

English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL



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- **What is ESOL?**

English for **S**peakers of **O**ther **L**anguages (ESOL) is provided at every school, K-12. The objective of this program is to help students to develop English language proficiency in the areas of listening comprehension, speaking skills, reading comprehension and writing skills. The ESOL classroom consists of students from diverse language backgrounds who enter school at various levels of English proficiency. During the development of English language proficiency, students progress through the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of language acquisition.

Instruction for **E**nglish **L**anguage **L**earner (ELL) students must also address their social, academic and cognitive development. Comprehensible instruction must be provided in the grade level or content area classroom through ESOL strategies. These strategies include, but are not limited to, the modification of instructional techniques and assessment based on the students' levels of English language proficiency.



### **Mission**

To ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences that result in high achievement for our students.

- **Program Models in Polk County**

- Inclusion
- Dual Language
- Summer Program
- ESOL Teacher Elementary
- ESOL Teacher Secondary



- **District-Wide Translation**
  - District-wide documents
  - Transcripts or Report Cards



- **Resources**
  - Talk System
  - Bilingual Dictionaries
  - Supplemental Teaching Materials

- **Translation Services**
  - Staffing
  - Parent / Teacher Conferences

- **How you can be involved in School?**
  - Attend the Annual Parent Meeting, Open House, Orientation, and other programs at your school
  - Volunteer at your child's school
  - Attend School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings at your child's school
  - Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Be involved in your child's educational programming
  - Request a ELL Committee meeting to discuss academic progress
  - Request communications from school in your home language (available when feasible)
  - Interpret / Translate for your school
  - Become an ESOL paraprofessional
  - Join the ESOL Parent Leadership Council at you school



- **District Parent Leadership Council (PLC)**

This group of parents assists schools to promote and enhance ESOL student academic success. The DPLC assists schools with volunteers, mentors, interpreters, parent involvement and representation.

- This is a district level committee, which meets twice a year.
- Its members consist of parents, community members, administrators and teachers.
- Please join the council to learn and to share best practices in parental involvement.



- **How to help your child at home**

- Have a place for your child to study
- Help your child with daily homework
- Read with your child
- Check your child's homework
- Look carefully at your child's interim and report card
- Limit your child's TV viewing and video game playing
- Provide a regular and healthy diet for your child
- Ensure that your child gets enough rest



- **Your Right To Know**

- Request information about qualifications of your children's teachers and paraprofessionals
- Request to be notified if your child is taught by a not "highly qualified" teacher

**For more information**

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