Our Mission: English Learner Students Can Participate Meaningfully and Equally Within Our Education Community

The ESOL department bases our mission on the belief that everyone brings valuable resources to the educational community. We view all educators not only as facilitators of increased academic comprehension, but also as counselors who understand the value of supporting every student’s social, emotional, and cultural needs.

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

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ESOL Program Description

The ESOL Program Services English Learners (ELs). EL students may be:

- recent immigrants or refugees who don’t speak or understand any English
- less recent immigrants or refugees who know a little of the language
- born in the U.S. of immigrant parents who speak only the language of their heritage at home
- children of families who have been in this country for generations but still maintain their heritage language at home
- adopted from another country by a U.S. family.

Generally, English Learners have difficulty achieving academic success equal to their English-dominant peers and, sometimes, ordinary class work is difficult because of insufficient English skills.

The ESOL Program is designed to help these particular students achieve success both inside and outside the classroom.

Languages spoken in the homes of our English Learners...

- Urdu
- Gujarati
- Russian
- Nepalese
- Romanian
- Hindi
- Malayalam
- Spanish
- French
- Cantonese
- Chinese
- Portuguese
- Shona
- Lebanese
- Telugu
- Arabic
- Czech

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- ESOL teacher receives Home Language Survey noting that a language other than English is used at home.
- Child is administered the W-APT screener and results go home
- If child meets qualifications for ESOL services, parents can accept or decline
- If accepted, services begin immediately
- ALL students who qualify are administered the ACCESS 2.0 for ELs midway through the school-year.

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