

RESOURCES

Please visit the Suwannee County School District website to access various resources for parents and students at

www.suwannee.k12.fl.us or the ELL webpage at

<http://www.suwannee.k12.fl.us/title-iii-esol>.

Also available to parents:

Adult Education classes:

- English classes
- GED Prep
- Employability skills

Visit the River Oak Technical

College webpage for more information at

<http://rtc.suwannee.k12.fl.us/>.

Spanish speaking personnel are available at each school and the District Resource Center to assist you and answer any questions you may have regarding your child's education and community resources.

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***For more information about your child's
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English for Speakers of Other Languages



**Supplementary Instructional
Support for
English Language Learners
Title III, Part A**

What is an English Language Learner (ELL)?

Florida Statute 1003.56(2) defines an English Language Learner (ELL) as "an individual who was not born in the United States and whose native language is a language other than English, an individual who comes from a home environment where a language other than English is spoken in the home, or an individual who is an American Indian or Alaskan native and who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on his or her level of English language proficiency, and who, by reason thereof, has sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or listening to the English language to deny such individual the opportunity to learn successfully in classrooms where the language of instruction is English".



How does my child qualify for ESOL Services?

All parents of newly enrolled students are required to complete a Home Language Survey (HLS). This survey lets school staff know what language is used in your home.

If the HLS indicates that your child speaks a language other than English or another language is spoken in the home, he or she is administered an English proficiency test. Suwannee County Schools District uses a valid and reliable test, LAS Links, to determine entry into the program.

The school's Guidance Counselor will notify the parent of assessment results and eligibility status for the ELL Program. The Guidance Counselor will collaborate with the teachers and other school personnel to ensure student success.

What will these services look like?

Services may vary school to school based on the individual needs of the students at time of enrollment. Students in the ESOL Program attend mainstream classes with their native English-speaking peers for the majority of the school day. All students will have equal access to academic services such as tutoring, child study teams, dual language dictionaries and more. They will also be given equal access to sports, clubs, etc. located at their home school and within the District. ESOL students will be taught by qualified teachers trained in strategies to make content more comprehensible for limited English proficient students.

Mission Statement:

The Suwannee County Public Schools English for Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL) provides equitable and quality education for all students whose primary language is one other than English, and whose literacy skills make their participation in academic settings difficult.

Through effective English language instruction and academic support, all students will have the opportunity to acquire English proficiency and global competency in order to succeed in the 21st century.