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What is ESOL?

English for  
Speakers of  
Other  
Languages

What does ELL  
stand for?

English  
Language  
Learners

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
LEARNING IS AN  
EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAM FOR  
STUDENTS WHO...

SPEAK OR ARE  
EXPOSED TO MORE  
THAN ONE LANGUAGE.

NEED SUPPORT IN  
UNDERSTANDING  
ENGLISH USED IN THE  
CLASSROOM AND BY  
PEERS.

## How does my child qualify for ESOL?

At registration, if the home language survey indicates that a language other than English is spoken in the home, the ESOL teacher will administer the W-APT (WIDA ACCESS Placement Test for Kindergarten) or WIDA Screener (1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders).

WHAT DOES THE W-APT /SCREENER MEASURE? IT IS USED TO MEASURE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF STUDENTS. IT ALLOWS US TO DETERMINE IF A CHILD NEEDS ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES, AND IF SO, AT WHAT LEVEL. THE TESTS WERE DEVELOPED BY THE WIDA CONSORTIUM.

## What are the ESOL program segments?

- Kindergarten-3rd Grade students are served for 45 minutes daily.
- 4th-8th Grade students are served for 50 minutes daily.
- 9th-12th Grade students are served one block minimum per year.

## ESOL MODELS

### SCHEDULED

CLASS-STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED A CLASS TIME WITH THE ESOL TEACHER EITHER IN THE CLASSROOM OR THE EL TEACHERS' ROOM.

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CONTENT-STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT THE ACADEMIC CONTENT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE EL TEACHER.

CONSULT-THE ESOL TEACHER CONSULTS WITH THE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT.

## What is the role of the ESOL teacher?

- Provides language support through academic content.
- Addresses 4 ESOL domains- Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.
- Supports students in meeting Georgia standards.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR CHILD'S ESOL CLASS?

EXTENDED TIME FOR STUDENTS TO PROCESS INFORMATION

EMPHASIS IN VOCABULARY WITH VISUALS, READING & WRITING INSTRUCTION.

USE OF SIOP STRATEGIES & OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES.

ESOL SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES (LEXIA, VISUALS, TRANSLATION DEVICES, TUTORING)

## How do I know when my child is proficient in English?

- All ESOL students (grades K-12 & waived) are required to take the ACCESS test yearly. (testing window: January-March)
- Parents will be given test results in May.
- The results explain your child's English proficiency level.

## What is the ACCESS test?

- Accessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State.
- It assesses reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Computer / paper based (1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Paper based (K)
- Must score a 4.7 or above on a 6.0 point scale to exit ESOL.





How can I help my child meet the challenging state academic standards?

- Teach your child to read, write, listen, & speak in your home language.
- Read to and with your child.
- Come to school conferences & functions.
- Go to the public library.

- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Help with homework
- Ask questions

### Resources

- RTT
- Talking Points
- Canvas
- Lexia
- MyOn
- Visit our ESOL webpage for more: [ESOL Website](#)

Who are my ESOL contacts?

- Ashley Anderson Director of Curriculum Services
  - **Jessica Wilson** Lead ESOL Teacher
  - Local School ESOL teachers
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# Talking Points



The image shows a screenshot of the Talking Points website. At the top, the browser address bar displays "talkingpts.org". The navigation menu includes "TEACHERS", "SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS", "FAMILIES", "ABOUT", "PRICING", "LOGIN", and a prominent "SIGN UP FOR FREE" button. The main content area features a photograph of a young girl and a woman in a library setting. The woman is holding a smartphone, and both are looking at the screen. Overlaid on the image is the text "Reach all your students' families" in a large, white, sans-serif font, with the subtitle "In their home languages to build strong partnerships" below it. A blue button with the text "Sign up for free" is positioned in the lower-left corner of the image area.

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TEACHERS SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS FAMILIES ABOUT PRICING LOGIN SIGN UP FOR FREE

## Reach all your students' families

In their home languages to build strong partnerships

Sign up for free

# Why Talking Points?

Talking Points is a free resource for teachers and parents.

It can be used on your computer or as an app on your smart phone.

Teachers create a login & password. Parents get texts on their phone or can get the Talking Points App.

Teachers add their student's name and parent's cell phone number and home language.

Teachers can communicate with their parents by typing a message in English and sending it to their parents.

When the parents receive the teacher's message, it will be translated in their home/native language.

The parent can respond to the teacher by typing a message in their home/native language and sending it back to their teacher.

The teacher will receive the parent's return response in English.

This app is available only on the App Store for iPhone and iPad.



## SayHi Translate 4+

Voice translator for everyone

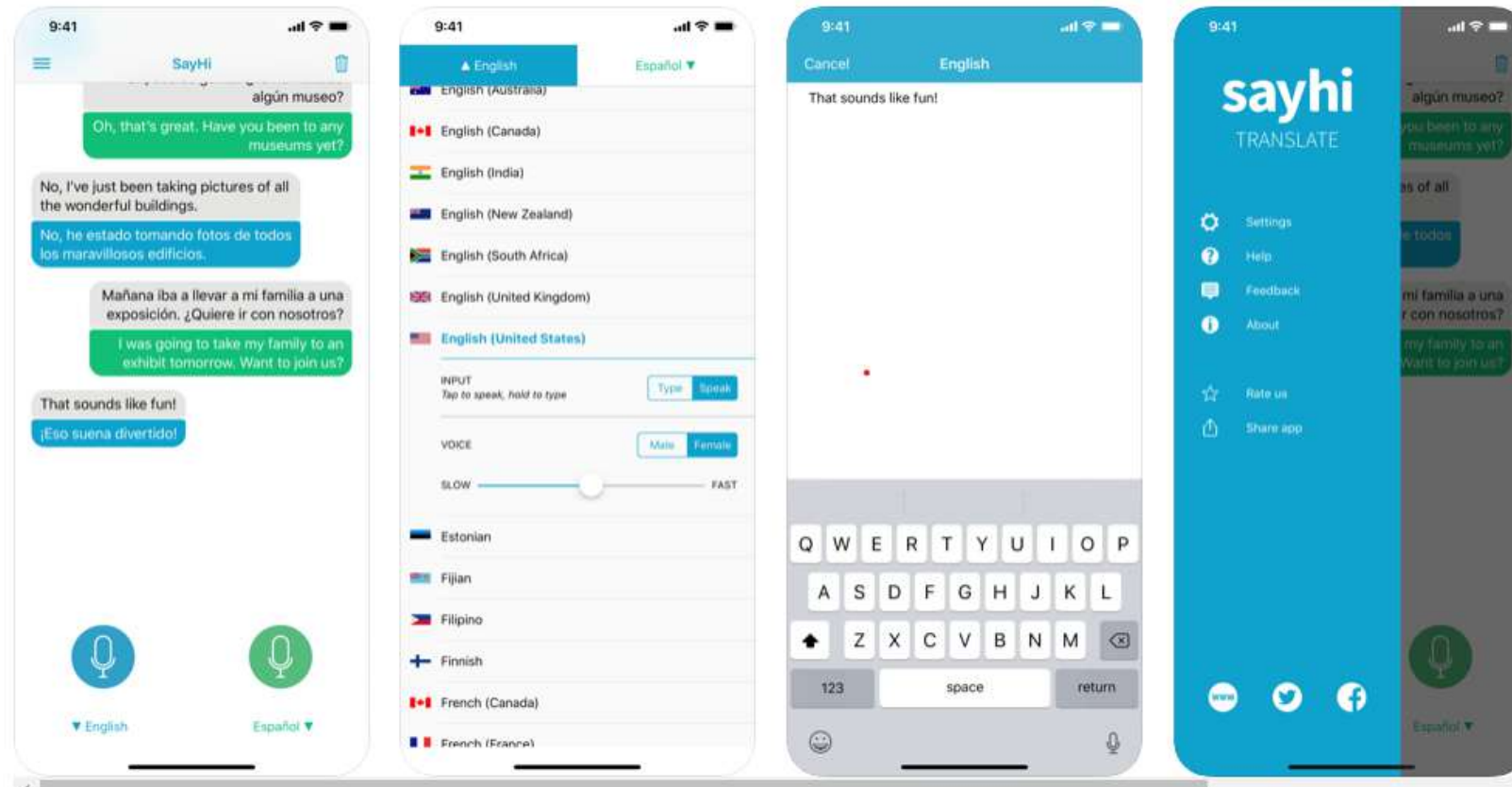
SayHi

★★★★★ 4.7, 32.5K Ratings

Free

SayHi is a voice translator app

# SayHi app



# Google Translate

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ENGLISH SPANISH ARABIC

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El traductor de Google está basado en computadora o aplicación. Lo uso en la computadora de mi maestro principalmente para traducciones rápidas. Copio y pego mucho de él.

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works in any app.





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## RTT Translation Services/ELSA Lite

ELSA lite is a live interpretation solution that provides immediate communication in 180 languages. ELSA gives us the freedom to communicate with Non-English speakers via cell phone or land line.



# Immersive Reader on Canvas

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**Immersive Reader** will allow text-to-speech and make text more consumable inside **Canvas** by offering it in different sizes and colors." **Immersive Reader** demonstrably improves reading comprehension through tools that read text out loud, break it into syllables, and increase spacing between lines and letters, offer a picture dictionary for words, and translate text.

Visit [Microsoft Immersive Reader website](#)

# ESOL Testing

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We give 2 tests throughout the year.

- ✓ W-APT: This is a placement test for students entering our school that speak more than one language. It tests skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing English. These test scores help us decide whether the student needs ESL services.
- ✓ ACCESS: This test measures English language growth in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It is given to all ESL students in February. We receive and send home score reports in May. We use the ACCESS to help decide ESL services.

# What is the purpose and use of the ACCESS test?

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The ACCESS helps students and families understand students' current level of English language proficiency.

It serves as one of multiple measures used to determine whether students are prepared to exit English language support programs.

It generates information that assists in determining whether ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms without program support.

It provides teachers with information they can use to enhance instruction and learning in programs for their English language learners.

It provides districts with information to help them evaluate the effectiveness of their ESL / bilingual programs