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ESOL Program:

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a state-funded instructional program for eligible English Learners (ELs) in grades K-12 (Georgia School Law Code 1981, 20-2-156, enacted in 1985). The ESOL program is a standards based curriculum emphasizing academic and social language development. ESOL coursework is based upon the WIDA Consortium English Language Development (ELD) standards. Classroom teachers integrate the ELD standards with the Georgia Standards of Excellence to enable ELs to both communicate in English and demonstrate their academic, social and cultural proficiency. Instructional approaches, both in ESOL and general education classes, ensure that the needs of Georgia's ELs are accommodated. To the extent practicable, it is appropriate to use the EL's home language as a means of providing parents with school-related information.

Since 2006, Georgia has been part of the WIDA Consortium. Together with our colleague-states, we work in close collaboration with the Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER), the Center for Applied Linguistics and MetriTech to ensure that our English Language Proficiency assessment (ACCESS for ELs) and our ESOL teaching standards remain viable and valid across administration years.

Program Goals

- To assist all Limited-English proficient students in acquiring fluency in the English language skills of listening, speaking, reading, comprehending and writing
- To help Limited-English proficient students to master academic content instruction at each grade level
- To provide Limited-English proficient students with equal access to all school programs
- To provide quality professional development to teachers, administrators, and other school or community-based personnel

Program Objectives

- To increase the English proficiency of Limited-English proficient students by providing quality language instruction educational programs

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- To increase the academic achievement of Limited-English proficient students in the core academic subjects
- To improve the instruction of Limited-English proficient students by providing quality professional development to teachers, administrators, and other school or community-based personnel
- To improve the coordination between elementary/secondary language instruction education programs and other relevant programs and services

Program Description

The ESL program in Pulaski County offers a combination of self-contained services, inclusion services and pull-out services for all Limited-English proficient students. In addition, support services are provided to all classroom teachers. Students are placed in the ESL program based upon their performance on an English language proficiency test of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, upon their academic achievement and other formal and informal measures. Depending upon the grade level and ability level of the individual students, ESL services are provided to meet specific needs. A combination of strategies is used to teach English: whole language, phonics, oral language skills, cooperative learning, and integrated reading. Emphasis is placed upon the development of the four communication skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

There are currently more than 40 English Language Learners enrolled in Pulaski County Schools. These students are served by ESL Resource Teachers.

[Title III, Part A: Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students](#)

Identification and Placement:

[Kindergarten](#)

[Grades 1-12](#)

Testing Information:

[ACCESS for ELLs](#)

Parent Information:

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Home Language Survey

The home language survey is given to all parents of students to complete at registration. If a language other than English is identified, students will be screened for English Language Proficiency.

[Universal Home Language Survey Information](#)

[My Child is an English Language Learner Flyer](#)

[Mi hijo\(a\) es un\(a\) aprendiz del inglés: Una guía para padres de familia](#)

[My Child is an English Learner: What does that mean? - English](#)

[Mi niño es un Aprendiz del Idioma Inglés: Que significa esto? - Espanol](#)

[My Child is an English Learner: What can I do to support my child? - English](#)

[Mi niño es un Aprendiz del Idioma Ingles: Que puedo hacer para apoyar a mi niño? - Espanol](#)

[What are the English language development standards? - English](#)

[Cuáles son los estándares para el desarrollo del idioma Ingles? - Espanol](#)

[What does the ACCESS Score Report tell me? - English](#)

[Que me dice el Reporte de Resultados del ACCESS? - Espanol](#)

[Helping Your Child Succeed in School -- Helping Your Child Series](#)

This website can be printed in both English and Spanish. It has sections specifically for students ages 5-7, 7-9 and 9-11.

Este internet pagina puede ser traducido a ingles y español. Tiene secciones especificamente para estudiantes de 5-7, 7-9 y de 9-11 años de edad.

[Online Stories in Many Languages](#)

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Toolkit for Helping Hispanic Families

This link is a toolkit for helping Hispanic Families help their pre-school and school age children with school work. All in English and Spanish.

Esta pagina del internet es para ayudar las familias hispanas con los trabajos escolares de los estudiantes en grados de precolares hasta grados de bachillerato. Todos estan en español e ingles.

Homework Help Online

This site offers students the opportunity to receive free homework help from certified teachers.

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