



ESOL Program

Language Arts through ESOL is designed for students K-12 whose native language is other than English. It is a language arts and cultural program based on the Florida Language Arts Sunshine standards, second language learning research, and its implications for teaching and learning a second language and culture.

This program is offered to limited English proficient students as an alternative to the regular English Language Arts program. The methodology used for the ESOL program is what is different from the regular Language Arts program. The primary goal of the ESOL program is to develop as effectively and efficiently as possible each student's English language proficiency and academic potential.

ESOL Services (Information, Procedures, and Services)

What are the ESOL services?

Schools provide understandable instruction. Teachers are qualified to teach English for speakers of other languages. Students have access to the total curriculum and all school services. Teachers promote cross cultural understanding. School information is available in a language understandable to the parent. Students in the ESOL Program receive help in basic subject areas in their native language (when 15 or more speak the same language at a school).

How do schools determine English proficiency?

All families complete a Home Language Survey. Students take a listening and speaking test. Each school has an English Language Learner (ELL) Committee to assure appropriate student placement and progress. Students in grades 4-12 take a reading and writing test. This procedure determines if a student is eligible for ESOL program services. It is approved by the Florida Department of Education.



How Can Parents Help?

- 1. Request school information in your own language, if necessary and available, for understanding.**
- 2. Be involved in the development of your child's ELL Student Plan.**
- 3. Ask your child about school work.**
- 4. Talk with your child's teacher and attend parent conference nights.**
- 5. Learn English, classes are available at Seminole Community College (407) 328-2420 and/or through Seminole County Public Schools (407) 320-0202.**
- 6. Continue to speak and read to your child in your own language.**

Who Do I Call With Questions?

- ESOL contact (teacher or guidance counselor) or ELL Committee at your child's school.**
- Principal at your child's school.**
- Minnie Cardona ESOL/World Languages Coordinator (minnie_cardona@scps.k12.fl.us and/or (407)320-0200)**