



Welcome

ESOL Program

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Goals of the ESOL Program

English Learners (ELs) face unique challenges in the classroom as they strive to learn academic content while their English language skills are still developing. The Fulton County ESOL program provides support for English language acquisition and development of skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing through content based instruction.

Instruction is delivered by ESOL teachers who are experts in second language acquisition and content knowledge. By combining language-rich classes with standards-based instruction, teachers create an environment that is both nurturing and academically rigorous as they prepare students to fully participate in general education classrooms.



How do students benefit from participating in the ESOL program?



Although many students can communicate socially, they struggle with the language used for academic purposes. It can take many years for students to develop this academic language that includes complicated text structures, formal grammar use, and abstract concepts.

The ESOL program assists students to acquire both social and academic language in English by providing direct instruction on a daily basis. The program provides targeted support that enables English learners to master the skills needed for success in American schools.



*What ESOL services
will my student
receive?*

Middle School

ESOL students in grades 6-8 receive one or two ESOL classes each day. The number of classes will depend on a variety of factors, including number of ESOL teachers, number of ELs at the school, student proficiency levels, etc.

ESOL services may be delivered in a scheduled ESOL class, a sheltered Language Arts class, or a push-in content class. In all models, the ESOL teacher has middle grades certification in addition to specialized ESOL training.

- Sheltered class – students receive English language and Language Arts instruction in a small group setting.
- Scheduled class - students receive English language and Reading instruction in a small group setting.

Will my ESOL student receive the same instruction as other students?

Yes. All teachers are guided by the Georgia Performance Standards; therefore ESOL students have access to the same content as other students. Instruction for ESOL students is enhanced by the WIDA standards for English language development. ESOL teachers may use different materials and strategies to provide access to content and support their students' language development.





How can I support my ESOL student?

Support Learning at Home

- Limit television/video games/internet use
- Provide quiet spaces to study
- Establish a routine at home (set times for homework, bedtime)
- Promote communication in your home language/English (discuss school/community/world events, friendships, challenges, stress, goals, etc.)

Q & A

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions. I am happy to help!

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