



# ALL CHILDREN SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN A WELL-BALANCED CURRICULUM



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**English as a  
Second Language  
(ESL): Benefits for  
Your Children!**



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## ***What is the goal of English as a Second Language (ESL)?***

### ***The goals are:***

- Provide English Language Learners (ELLs), students whose first language is **not** English, and who have limited English proficiency, with equal access to education.
- Develop English language proficiency in accordance with the WIDA Language Proficiency Standards.
- Facilitate mastery of Illinois Learning Standards and transition to mainstream classes.

## ***Who does the ESL Program serve?***

### ***The program serves:***

- English Language Learners, regardless of their first language.

## ***How will the ESL Program help my child?***

### ***The ESL program:***

- Supports English Language Learners' linguistic and academic needs because it is grounded on best practice and research-based instructional strategies.
- Provides English language instruction, with home language support, when possible.
- Promotes multicultural awareness and a diverse learning environment because ESL students spend most of the school day in mainstream classrooms.
- Facilitates ESL support through two instructional models: Pull-out and Push-in.
- Content subjects (math, science, and social studies) and electives are taught by mainstream teachers who adapt content to meet ELLs needs (i.e., Sheltered English).



## ***Will my child be taught the same subjects and learn the same skills as students in the regular program?***

- **YES!** All students in the ESL program receive instruction in accordance to the Illinois Learning Standards .
- **YES!** Language arts (reading and writing), mathematics, science, and social studies are taught as part of the state mandated curriculum.
- **YES!** Music, physical education, and art are also part of a balanced curriculum.

## ***Will my child learn English?***

- **YES!** The language of instruction is English. When possible, native language support is offered by ESL staff.
- **YES!** ESL instruction is an integral part of the students' education; students receive ESL support according to their level of English proficiency and grade level.
- **YES!** Students acquire listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English through instruction in core curriculum. Collaboration between mainstream and ESL teachers fosters student success.

## ***How can I become involved in the ESL Program?***

- You can join the Title III Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and participate in program planning, including allocation of grant and district funds.
- You can become a volunteer and help in the classroom and after school activities.
- You can encourage your child to achieve by showing interest in learning and school work.
- You can provide a place to study at home.
- You can model literacy by reading and writing with your child in your first language and/or English.

## ***Where can I obtain***

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