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English *for* Speakers
of Other Languages

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What is ESOL?

English for
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Other
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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 WIDA ACCESS Placement Test for Kindergarten or WIDA Screener (1st-12th graders).

What does the WIDA 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, First, Second, and Third Grade students are served for 45 minutes a day.
- Fourth and Fifth Grade students are served for 50 minutes a day.

ESOL Models

Pull Out- Students are "pulled-out" of their class and taken to the ESOL room for instruction.

Push In- The ESOL teacher goes into the classroom for daily classes.

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)

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?

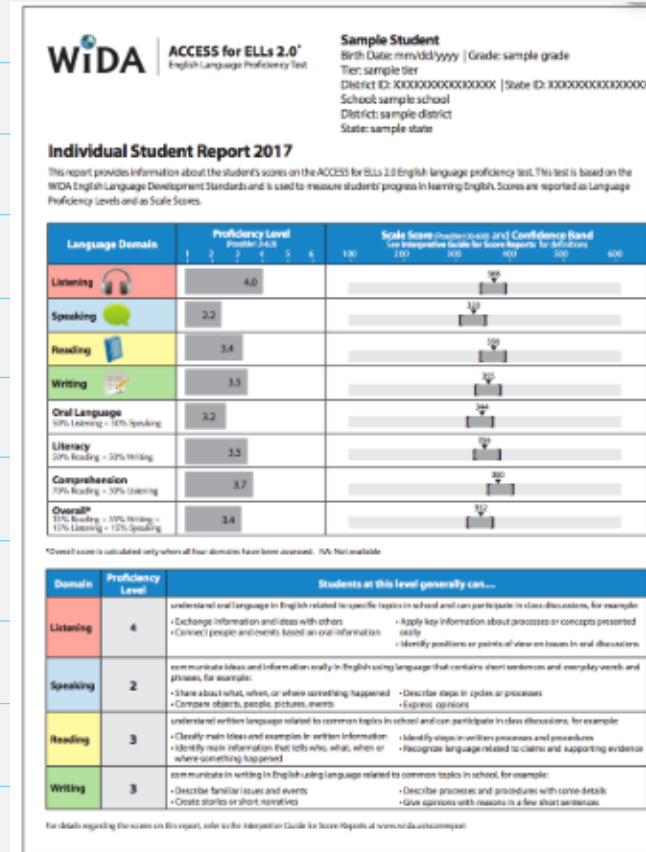
- Accessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State.
- It assesses reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Computer / paper based (1st-12th) Paper based (K)
- Must score a 5 or above on a 6.0 point scale to exit ESOL.

What are the English Language Proficiency Levels?

- Stage 1: Entering
- Stage 2: Beginning
- Stage 3: Developing
- Stage 4: Expanding
- Stage 5: Bridging
- Stage 6: Reaching



Explanation of ACCESS Student Score Report.



How can I help my child be successful at school?

- 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.
- Ask questions.

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

Resources

- Google Translate
- Say Hi app
- Talking Points
- Immersive Reader
- RTT Translate with your child's ESOL teacher

Who are my ESOL contacts?

- Lindsey Hodges
Director of ESOL
- Jessica Wilson Lead
ESOL Teacher
- Melanie Hall
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Thank you for taking the time to attend the ESOL parent meeting.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your child this year.

