EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ESOL PROGRAM

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

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BROWARD COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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<th>Total Enrollment (PK-12)</th>
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<td>District</td>
<td>266392 (100%)</td>
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<td>ESOL</td>
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<td>LY (Active ELL)</td>
<td>29082 (10.91%)</td>
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<td>LF (Former ELL)</td>
<td>9796 (3.67%)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>38878 (14.59%)</td>
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<td>Foreign Born</td>
<td>30208 (11.33%)</td>
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<td>Recent immigrants (KG-12)</td>
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<td>Enrolled in the 2014-2015 school year</td>
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<td>Enrolled for Less than three academic years</td>
<td>10398 (3.90%)</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>82335 (30.90%)</td>
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**Top 10 ELL’s Countries**

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# Top 10 ELL’s Languages

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<td>Spanish</td>
<td>17,819</td>
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<td>Haitian Creole</td>
<td>7,001</td>
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<td>Portuguese</td>
<td>1,107</td>
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<td>Vietnamese</td>
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<td>Chinese</td>
<td>300</td>
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ESOL PROGRAM

English for Speakers of Other Languages
I received a letter saying that my child is an ELL student.

What does it mean?
ELL MEANS:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER
To help ELLs in developing competency in both English needed for social interaction and academic English needed for successful participation in the formal curriculum.
ESOL PROGRAM
ENTRY CRITERIA & PROCEDURES
HOW DOES A STUDENT ENTER THE ESOL PROGRAM?

A1
A2
B1
B2
C1

(3 questions)
If yes to any of the 3 questions

Home Language Survey

Aural/Oral Language Proficiency Test

PLUS

Grades (K-12)

Grades (3-12)

Reading and Writing (Language) Scores at 32% or below
If a K-12 student is eligible to receive ESOL services...

Notification of English Language Program Placement

Student: Abin Fake
Grade Level: 4
School: Fake Practice School
LEP Status: LY (ELL Current)

Our school district provides a program of language instruction for English Language Learners (ELLs) to attain English proficiency, and meet the same challenging academic content and student achievement standards expected of all students.

Upon enrollment, a language other than English was noted on your child’s Home Language Survey. According to state and federal law, our school district is required to assess the English language proficiency of your child in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Based on the results of the CELLA, a state-approved assessment for measuring English language proficiency, we are pleased to inform you that your child is eligible for services for English Language Learners. Below, please find results that have informed our decision, information about our language programs, and your rights as a parent.

Abin took the CELLA on 3/5/2014 and their ELP assessment results are listed below:

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<th>Performance Level</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Beginning</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Low Intermediate</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>High Intermediate</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Proficient</td>
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The CELLA test results are ranked into the following categories:

Listening & Speaking 3
Writing 1
Reading 2

Additional factors used to determine your child’s placement:
State mandated standardized test
District Placement Assessment
Committee Determination

Teachers of English Language Learners provide a variety of specialized services until students demonstrate skills in English sufficient for them to succeed academically in the regular classroom.

While the rate of English language development (ELD) varies between students, many exit the ELD program in 2-6 years.

All children, regardless of English proficiency, are eligible to participate in all school-wide programs. If your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or a 504 plan, the language instruction educational program will be utilized in coordination with your child’s existing plan.

If you have any questions about your child’s placement or the type of program options available to you, please contact Stephanie Bustillo at (754) 321-6300.

Please sign and date this letter below and return it to the ELL teacher.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________ Date: ____________ Phone Number: ________________

This letter informs you of certain rights you have as a parent or guardian. Contact your school administrator if you have specific questions concerning these rights.

K-12 Program Services for English Language Learners

Our school district provides English language instruction within the context of academic content – using grade-level curriculum – to students at all levels of English language proficiency (ELP) by offering the following programs:

Broward County
As the student acquires English language proficiency the language classification changes...

A1 ➔ A2 ➔ B1 ➔ B2 ➔ C1
Language Level Classifications

A1

- Non-English Speaker or Minimal Knowledge of English
- Cannot communicate orally

A2

- Limited English Speaker
- Communicates with one or two-word responses
Language Level Classifications

**B1**
- Intermediate English Speaker
- Communicates mostly with simple phrases and/or sentences responses

**B2**
- Intermediate English Speaker
- Communicates about everyday situations but lacks the academic language
Language Level Classifications

- **C1**

  - Advanced English Speaker

  - Speaks, reads, and writes at a comparable level with English-speaking counterpart
ESOL PROGRAM

All schools with students classified as ELL must provide an appropriate ESOL program to meet the specific needs of such students in language learning, academic achievement, and in cultural integration.
ALLOWABLE TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ELLS

• **Flexible Setting:** ELLs may be tested in a different room with other ELL students. Parents MUST be informed of this option.

• **Flexible Scheduling:** ELLs may take a session of the test during several brief periods within one school day; however a session of the test MUST be completed within one school day.
ALLOWABLE TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ELLS

• **Flexible Timing** (Additional Time): ELLs may be provided additional time; however a session MUST be completed within one school day.

• **Limited Assistance in Heritage Language**

• **Approved Dictionary**: ELLs MUST have access to an English to heritage language dictionary and/or heritage language to English dictionary (word-to-word).
What’s new in ESOL?
Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children develop awareness and management of their emotions, set and achieve important personal and academic goals, use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships, and demonstrate decision making and responsible behaviors to achieve school and life success.
World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment

- Principles of Language Development
- Language Development Standards
- CAN DO Descriptors
- Assessments
- Professional Development
- Research

WIDA CAN DO Philosophy
World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)

Social & Instructional Language
Language of Language Arts
Language of Mathematics
Language of Science
Language of Social Studies

Academic Language

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
http://www.wida.us/standards/eld.aspx
2015 - 2016 is a transition year

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 will replace CELLA
(tentatively scheduled for February 8 – March 25, 2016)
- paper-based in 2016
- 6 proficiency levels
Levels of English Language Proficiency

BEGINNING SPRING 2016
HOW DOES MY CHILD EXIT THE ESOL PROGRAM?
There are two ways to exit the ESOL Program:

1. Student meet the Exit Criteria set forth by the State in State Statute.

2. An ELL Committee determines the student no longer needs services provided by the ESOL Program.
The main function of the ELL committee is to resolve any issue that affects the instructional program of an ELL.

Parents must always be invited to attend the meeting.
Students are monitored for two years after exiting the ESOL program.

If anytime within those two years, the parent or teacher has evidence that the student is having difficulty due to language acquisition, an ELL committee is convened to determine if the student should reenter the ESOL program.
PARENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Our Staff

Yvette Fournier Fernández, Specialist Parent Outreach

Brunilda Chico, Administrative Assistant

Community Liaisons:
- Miguel Pérez, Spanish
- Mónica Nelsas, Spanish
- Nathalie Delia, Haitian Creole
The Parent Outreach Office was created in 2000 through a Title VII grant specifically for ELL parents and families. Since 2005 it is under Title III funds.

We provide services to English Language Learner (ELL) parents, families, and schools to ensure they are collaborating in the development of parent involvement plans.

We provide information, rights and responsibilities, orientation and resources to parents, students and community members to increase their involvement and assist them in making good academic decisions, regardless of their level of English proficiency.
§ Meet with families on one-to-one basis when necessary
§ Attend ELL Committee Meetings with parents when requested
§ Secure registration at schools regardless of arrival times and immigrant status
§ Provide orientation for completing District and School forms
§ Other Issues:
  § Discipline
  § Placement
  § Process for ESE
  § Graduation requirements/Course selection
  § Transportation
  § Chain of command
§ Information on Adult ESOL Education
The ESOL Parent Ambassador Program:

- Was established as an initiative of the ESOL Leadership Council.

- Created to assist non-English speaking families, especially the newly arrived, with the transition to Broward County Public Schools in order to be connected, comfortable and confident with the education their children are receiving.
PARENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

• The Parent Outreach Office offers Parent Leadership training, as required by the META Consent Decree, to empower the parents to be active leaders in the ESOL Leadership Council, promote ELL issues, collaborate with the Bilingual/ESOL Department, within the community and with other district committees. The trainings are conducted twice a year.

• Since the creation of the ESOL Parent Ambassadors, our office also provides the ESOL Ambassadors training for new members of the team.
Bilingual Parent Centers
Oriole, Tamarac, Boulevard Heights, Pines Office
Collaboration with Community, Departments, and District Events

Title I - Title I Seminar
Office of Parent Engagement
Guidance Department
Office of Service Quality
Refugee Resettlement of Broward and Youth Co-Op
Hispanic Unity
Children Services Council

Mi Gente, Mi Escuela
ALAS
Wells Fargo
YMCA
Broward College
Ana G. Mendez University
Hacer Scholarship
Univision
Aldea Educativa

Re-engagement Fair
College Fair
Conversations with the District
EdTalk

Policy 6000.1
Policy 6004
Attendance Calendar
Hardship
ESOL DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

ABOUT US    OUR SCHOOLS    PARENTS & STUDENTS    JOBS    OUR SCHOOL BOARD    BCPS SPOTLIGHTS

Bilingual/ESOL Department

The Bilingual/ESOL Department is committed to providing rigorous academics, promoting student involvement, and delivering quality services to English Language Learners (ELLs) and district offices. The department offers the following services:

- ESOL Program
- Dual Language Program
- World Language Program
- Bilingual Parent Outreach Office
- Translations and Interpretations

Contact Us

Victoria B. Saldana
Director
Bilingual/ESOL Department

http://esol.browardschools.com/
ESOL PARENT WEBSITE

Welcome
Welcome to our website for bilingual parents of students in Broward County Public Schools. We have established this website to provide you with important information and resources about our educational system. This information will help you provide assistance to your child in achieving academic success.

SUMMER HOURS - MONDAY - THURSDAY
FROM 8AM - 4PM. Call: 754-321-2951

This website contains information from the District website (www.browardschools.com) as well as important information from the ESOL Department (http://esol.browardschools.com). Please return often to this web page.

Calendar

NEW! Florida Department of Education Campaign to Communicate with Parents
INSYNC EDUCATION

An incredible online resource for our English Language Learners, Families, and Teachers

http://www.insyncedu.com
E-BOOKS FOR ELLS

Follett Shelf makes hundreds of books available for grades K-12 from your home computer!

To access books FOR FREE go to:

- ESOL K-3       https://wbb05179.follettshelf.com
- ESOL 3-6       https://wbb04273.follettshelf.com
- ESOL 5-8       https://wbb04274.follettshelf.com
- ESOL 9-12    https://wbb04275.follettshelf.com

login:   browardesol
password:  browardesol
OR

Go to www.browardesolparents.com, click on Follett Shelf and use the same login and password as above.
Welcome to BEEP

The Broward Enterprise Education Portal (BEEP) is a secure, single point of access to digital resources for teaching and learning.

These “Digital Doorways” allow Teachers, Students, Administrators, and Parents of Broward County Schools to access current and relevant resources and information focused on student achievement, academic performance, and instructional best practice.

For instructions on login and accessing the Learning Village, check out the BEEP Roadmap (pdf).
# Resources for Students

Welcome to the Student Portal
The Digital Doorways to Learning for Broward County Students

## Doorway #1: FCAT Explorer
- Learn and practice FCAT reading and math skills with this free online resource. (more)

## Doorway #2: Research and Homework Help
- Utilize provided online resources, including textbooks and District-purchased databases. (more)

## Doorway #3: Information Literacy Skills
- Expand your knowledge of topics important to the digital world. (more)

## Doorway #4: Software Tools
- Get help with Atomic Learning, AppleWorks, Inspiration, Keynote, and iLife. (more)

## Doorway #5: Virtual Counselor
- Check out your grades, absences, test scores and other information. (more)

## Doorway #6: Fun on the Net
- Discover fun facts, interesting sites, and mental challenges when your homework's all done. (more)

## Doorway #7: eLearning Through Podcasts
- Add to your knowledge by listening to a podcast whenever you want. (more)

## Doorway #8: Career Planning/Workforce Development
- Check out these great online tools for planning your future. (more)

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## Harcourt Learning Links

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## Grades 6-12 Online Student Modules

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## Resources for Students

- **Textbooks**
  - Grades K-6
    - Go Math New/Online Resources
    - Math GR 5 ADVANCED
    - Florida Science Fusion
    - Journeys NEW!
    - Florida Social Studies
  - Grades 6-8
    - ESOL
    - Health Education
    - Language Arts
    - Mathematics
    - FL Science Fusion
    - Social Studies
    - World Languages
  - Grades 9-12
    - ESOL
    - Industrial Arts (Automotive)
    - Language Arts
    - Mathematics
    - Reading (Edge)
    - Science
    - Social Studies
    - World Languages

- **Atomic Learning**

- **NetTrekker**
- Designed for student keyword or explore organized by grade level content, definitions, help, images, and tips.

- **2012 BRACE Scholarship Information**

- **Student Course Recommendation Charts**

- **Do you TEXT while driving? READ THIS**

- **Progress Forms Video**
Broward County Libraries

2015 Florida Library of the Year

Library News

Special Alerts
- Website Redesign: The BCL website is being redesigned. More...

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History
Join BCL in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with special grant-funded events that focus on the contributions and culture of Latino Americans. More...

Get Hands-on During Maker's Month at BCL
Broward County Libraries celebrates Maker's Month in September with free, fun events for the whole family.
Monthly Leadership Council Meetings

Topics include:

- ESOL Program
- Florida State Standards
- Bullying
- Virtual Counselor/Pinnacle/BEEP
- College and Career Readiness
- Summer Programs
If you need anything, Please call us at:

754-321-2951