

Who are English Language Learners in Broward County Public Schools?

Broward's population of English Language Learners (ELLs) is very heterogeneous, representing numerous languages and countries.

Data as of January 2018, including KG-12 students enrolled in public schools, charter schools, centers, and agencies.

There are close to **33,000 ACTIVE ELLs** enrolled in BCPS making up **12.5%** of total student enrollment

Additionally, over 1,000 PreK students are identified as ELL.

68.3%
Elementary School (KG-5)

14.6%
Middle School (6-8)

17.1%
High School (9-12)

Most **ACTIVE ELLs** are enrolled at **Elementary level**

ACTIVE ELLs

- 78.2%** Receive free or reduced-price lunch
- 16.4%** Attend charter schools
- 9.3%** Are identified as students with disabilities - SWD
- 4.6%** Receive ESOL services for more than 6 years - Long-term ELLs

11,600+ **FORMER ELLs** are being **MONITORED** for a **2-YEAR** period

Broward's ACTIVE ELLs SPEAK 127 LANGUAGES

SPANISH

64.6%

HAITIAN CREOLE

19.8%

PORTUGUESE

5.1%

RUSSIAN

1.1%

VIETNAMESE

1.0%

Over **91%** of ELLs speak one of the **top five languages**.

Each of the other **122 languages** are spoken by **less than 1%** of ELLs.

54% of ELLs are born in the U.S.A

Venezuela 22.8%

Haiti 19.0%

Colombia 8.3%

Brazil 7.7%

Honduras 5.6%

Cuba 4.4%

Dominican Republic 4.2%

Guatemala 3.0%

El Salvador 2.9%

Mexico 2.1%

Ecuador 1.9%

Peru 1.7%

Argentina 1.5%

Vietnam 1.0%

63.9% of ELLs are **HISPANICS**

The remaining **46%** of Broward's **active ELLs** are born in one of **125 countries**.

Initiatives to Support English Language Learners



Academic Competition showcase newly acquired second language skills and promote standards of excellence.



Interpretation Services for School and District Offices are available in Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. This service is available for parent meetings, district events, etc. Translators in the three languages translate district level documents sent home to families.



ESOL Parent Ambassadors is a group of parent volunteers who serve as a support for non-English speaking families who are new to Broward County Public Schools.



Language Enrichment Camp is available as a supplemental learning opportunity for ELLs before or after school and/or Saturdays, in reading, mathematics, writing, and/or science. Summer Language Enrichment Camps are available at select schools using Imagine Learning curriculum.



ESOL Parent Leadership Council holds bi-monthly meetings to provide information to parents of ELLs regarding various topics.



InSync Education is a web-based service, funded through the Title III grant, where parents find academic resources or tools in Spanish, Haitian-Creole and English to help reinforce academic content.



Latinos In Action empowers our students to graduate from high school and matriculate into post-secondary education providing educational service, cultural and leadership opportunities.



International Newcomer Academy is a school within a school model designed to assist new ELLs with acculturation to BCPS while benefitting from a sheltered model of instruction, which emphasizes English language development.



Road to College Workshops are offered in multiple languages across the district to provide parents/guardians and their children information about preparing for college. We also host Bilingual Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) Nights to accommodate parents who do not speak English.




International Welcome Center (Parent Outreach Office) provides information, orientation and resources for non-English speaking families to assist in helping their child make academic progress, regardless of their level of English proficiency. Bilingual Interpreters and Community Liaisons are available to support newcomer families.



Seal of Biliteracy recognizes, validates and honors our rich and diverse language assets, promotes the development of cross-cultural understanding, and encourages our students to become proficient in more than one language.


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