

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 2019, including KG-12 students enrolled in public schools, charter schools, centers, and agencies.

There are close to **32,000 ACTIVE ELLs** enrolled in BCPS making up **11.8%** of total student enrollment

Additionally, over 1,400 PreK students are identified as ELL.

67.7%
Elementary School (KG-5)

14.8%
Middle School (6-8)

17.5%
High School (9-12)

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

ACTIVE ELLs

- 74.0%** Receive free or reduced-price lunch
- 17.3%** Attend charter schools
- 9.9%** Are identified as students with disabilities - SWD
- 4.9%** Receive ESOL services for more than 6 years - Long-term ELLs

14,000+ **FORMER ELLs** are being **MONITORED** for a **2-YEAR** period

Broward's ACTIVE ELLs SPEAK 119 LANGUAGES

SPANISH

64.1%

HAITIAN CREOLE

20.0%

PORTUGUESE

5.8%

RUSSIAN

1.1%

VIETNAMESE

1.1%

Over **92%** of ELLs speak one of the **top five languages**.

Each of the other **114 languages** are spoken by **less than 1%** of ELLs.

About **49%** of Broward's active ELLs are **born in the U.S.A.** The remaining **51%** are born in one of **120 countries**.

Venezuela 22.7%

Haiti 19.4%

Colombia 8.3%

Brazil 8.1%

Honduras 6.2%

Dominican Republic 4.3%

Guatemala 3.9%

Cuba 3.5%

El Salvador 3.1%

Mexico 2.0%

64.4% of ELLs are **HISPANICS**

The **top 10 countries** of origin represent **81%** of Broward's ELLs. **Less than 2%** of ELLs are born in each of the other **110 countries**.

Initiatives to Support English Language Learners and/or Recently Arrived Immigrant Students

Academic Competition showcases newly acquired second language skills and promotes standards of excellence.

Cultural Academy for New Americans (CANAs) exposes eligible students to culturally rich reading lessons and a cultural technology-supported component in partnership with Imagine Learning.

ESOL Game Nights provides families with opportunities to engage in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies themes highlighted through games.

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

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

Family Reading Nights teach skills to enrich a child's academic experience. Families receive books to build a home library.

I Learn America is an opportunity to engage students to produce, express and share their unique stories.
ilearnamerica.com

Imagine Learning Language and Literacy bridges the oral language and literacy gap for newcomer ELLs in grades K-8 through their software program.

InSync Education is a web-based service where parents can access academic resources in Spanish, Haitian-Creole, and English to help reinforce academic content.

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

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

Interpretation Services/Translation Services for school and District offices. This service is available for parent meetings, District events, etc. Translators in the three most frequently spoken languages in BCPS translate all District level documents.

Language Enrichment Camp is a supplemental enrichment opportunity before or after school and/or Saturday in reading, mathematics, writing, and/or science.

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


Rally to the Tally for New Floridians (3-days), Broward County Youth Policy Summit (2-days), and Parent Summit (1-day) educate secondary students about Florida government and legislative processes in addition to college campus tours. Families gain insight about college and career readiness during a local one-day summit.

Road to College workshops are offered in multiple languages to provide information about preparing for college. Bilingual FAFSA Nights accommodate non-English speaking families.

Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who attain proficiency in two or more languages. It validates and honors our rich and diverse language assets, and encourages students to become proficient in more than one language.

We Are Broward Immigrant Support Plan highlights available resources for families, teachers, and students. The toolkit provides information on community resources, instructional lessons, and information on immigrant students.


For more information about these initiatives, contact the Bilingual/ESOL Department

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