

ESL Program Offerings

Elementary Schools

ESL pullout

Elementary age students are placed in a regular class for the major portion of the day. For a specified amount of time each day, students go to their ESL teacher for intensive instruction in English and support in other academic areas.

Middle and High Schools

ESL as a Scheduled Class

In place of a regular English class, LEP students are assigned to an ESL class. High School English credit is given for successful completion. This course focuses on building skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as studying literature and grammar

Sheltered Content Classes

In place of higher-level math, science, or social studies classes, some LEP students can enroll in Sheltered Content classes in select middle and high schools. These classes, while targeting the same benchmarks and outcomes as other courses, are taught at a level appropriate for the students with a teacher who is trained in methodologies for working with second language learners.

Columbus Global Academy (CGA)

CGA is designed for students newly arrived to the United States who speak little or no English and who may have little or no prior school experience

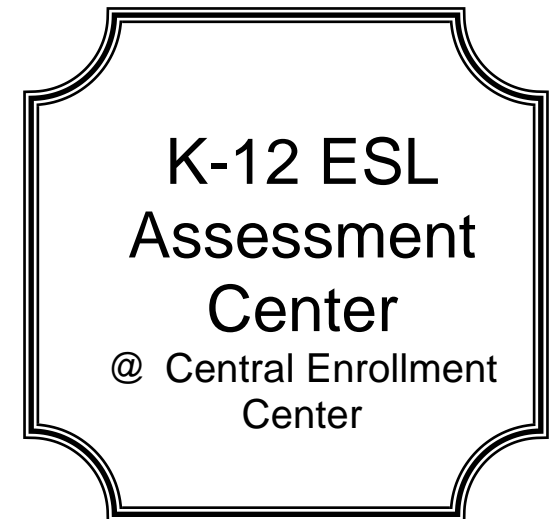


Columbus City Schools
Columbus, Ohio

From North:
71 south to E. 5th Ave. and make
a right on 5th Ave.
Make a left on Cleveland Ave.
for 01 mile the office will be on
the Left.

From South
71 North, exit 109A and Jack
Gibbs Blvd and make a right on
Cleveland Ave. The office will be
on the right.

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Who needs to be assessed?

- ❑ Any child who was born outside of the United States
- ❑ Any child with one or both parents born outside of the United States
- ❑ Any child living in a home where a language other than English is spoken

What do I need to do to get my child assessed?



1. Call the ESL Assessment Center at 365-4011 to schedule an appointment. Testing takes approximately 45 minutes per child and includes an assessment of the student's abilities in English, verification of documents and enrollment into a Columbus City School.

2. Bring the following documents with you on the day of the assessment:

- Proof of a current (within one year) negative test for TB. TB tests are administered at the ESL Assessment Center or at the **Columbus Health Department 240 Parsons Ave. Columbus, OH (614) 645-7310**

NOTE: This test is required only for children born or living outside of the United States for more than 3 months.

- Proof of residency in the school district (utility bill, lease, builder's agreement, etc.)
 - Proof of date of birth (I-94, passport, birth certificate or residence card)
 - Immunization records
 - Social Security number (if available)
 - Prior school records (if available)
3. Upon completion of the evaluation, the student will be placed at an appropriate school – one that offers ESL support services, if needed, or the child's home school, which is determined based on his or her address.

What is ESL and how can it help my child?

English as a Second Language (ESL) is a program designed to assist students whose first or primary language is not English.

Students in ESL spend most of the day in general education classrooms with native speakers of English. They go to the ESL class for a small part (30-60 minutes) of the day, where they receive instruction and support as they master all aspects of the English language.

What does the research say about ESL?

Researchers in the area of Second Language Acquisition have found that students acquire the social language skills they need in six months to two years. However, the academic language needed to be successful in the classroom and on standardized tests can take between 5-7 years or longer to acquire.

Students left to "sink or swim" without the support of an ESL program frequently become frustrated in school and have a high drop-out rate.