

CONTACT US

ESL DEPARTMENT

ESL Service Center

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ESL Schools

Elementary School

Avalon (K-3)
Broadleigh
Burroughs
Cassady
Col's Spanish Immersion (K-6)
Cranbrook
Devonshire
Eakin
East Columbus
East Linden
Easthaven
Ecole Kenwood (K-6)
Forest Park
Gables
Georgian Heights
Highland
Hubbard Mastery (K-6)
Innis
Linden Stem (K-6)
Maize
North Linden
Northtowne
Oakmont
Olde Orchard
Salem
Scottwood
Siebert
Sullivant
Valley Forge
West Broad

Middle Schools

Hilltonia
*Johnson Park
*Medina
*Mifflin
Ridgeview
*Wedgewood
Woodward Park @Walden
Woodward Park
*World Language MS

High Schools

*Beechcroft
Briggs
*Columbus Global
Academy (9-10)
*Columbus Intl. HS (7-12)
*Independence
*Mifflin
*Northland
Northgate (4-5)
Walnut Ridge
*West
*Whetstone

**Sheltered Sites - Math, Science, Social Studies and English taught by certified ESL teachers.*

ESL Program Resources

Assessment Center

All students who speak in a language other than English in their home, must enroll with the Columbus City School district through the Central Enrollment ESL Assessment Center. Student records are evaluated and an English test is given for placement.

Health Center

Any unmet health concerns are addressed as families visit the ESL Health Clinic located at Central Enrollment. Students can get the TB test done here, shot records are reviewed. Resources are provided to parents for health services in Columbus.



The mission of the ESL Program is to facilitate student learning within five skill areas: reading, writing, speaking, listening and cultural enrichment. In addition, ESL provides educational opportunities for LEP students to meet grade promotion requirements and graduation standards while becoming members of American society.

Columbus City Schools recognizes the need for second language learners to have both oral and written skills to function successfully. Therefore, the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program acknowledges that the ability to speak and understand English by itself is insufficient for effective progression in school. Proficiency in reading and writing are crucial in developing academic achievement and comprehension of content in all subjects.

English as a Second Language

ESL Program Services and Offerings

- The development and integration of listening, speaking reading and writing skills
- An environment that fosters pride in native culture, establishes positive self-esteem and facilitates acculturation into American society
- Professional development for staff working with students from diverse language and cultural backgrounds

Elementary Schools

Elementary age students are placed in a regular class with native English speakers. Students receive support from both the classroom teacher as well as the ESL teacher through lesson modifications and working with the ESL teacher in and/or out of the classroom.



Middle School and High School

ESL as a scheduled class

In place of a regular English class, LEP students may be 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

Lower level LEP students are enrolled in Sheltered Content classes in High Schools with sheltered sites. 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)

Provides an academic atmosphere that supports newly arrived students to the United States who speak little or no English and who may have little or no prior school experience. CGA provides instruction for grades 9-12. Students may remain at CGA for a minimum of two full school years.

ESL-Career Center Initiative

LEP students can now attend the career center and receive help from instructional assistants.