



Richmond County's ESOL program provides English learners with support for English language acquisition. The program specifically focuses on developing the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing through content based instruction.






Most English learners learn to communicate for social purposes rather quickly. However, they often struggle with academic language found in content area classes. The ESOL program helps students acquire both social and academic language in English.




Parents/guardians have the right to refuse ESOL services. To do so, a Parental Waiver Form must be signed on a yearly basis. However, please understand that language deficits may increase and have a negative impact on the student's academic performance in school. Particularly, learning reading and writing skills is often more difficult without ESOL classes. Should parents/guardians change their



In kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades students will receive ESOL instruction for 45 minutes/day or a total of 225 minutes/week. Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will receive ESOL instruction for 50 minutes/day or a total of 250 minutes/week. Students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will receive ESOL instruction for 55 minutes/day or a total of 275 minutes/week. Students will either receive a pull-out or a push-in class model.

In a pull-out model, students are taken out of general education classes to receive English language instruction in a small group setting.

In a push-in model, students remain in the general education classes where they receive instruction from the content teacher. The ESOL teacher comes into the general education class to provide English language services.



Students enrolled in the ESOL program will take all regular classroom assessments. In addition, English learners will take the ACCESS for ELLs test in the spring. The ACCESS for ELLs test measures growth in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Additionally, the scores are used to determine eligibility to exit the ESOL program.



Allow your child to speak both his/her native language and English.

Ensure your child gets plenty of rest at home.

Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast.

Ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Use Infinite Campus Parent Portal to monitor school attendance and grades. <https://campus.rcss-k12.org/campus/portal/richmond.jsp?status=portalLogoff&lang=en>

Communicate and collaborate with teachers, counselors, graduation coaches, and principals.

Attend parent/teacher conferences, school events, and activities.

Know the expectations and consequences for students outlined in the district's Code of Conduct.

Encourage your student to participate in extra-curricular activities such as clubs, sports, band, etc.