



English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:

*Benefits
For Your
Child*

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What is the purpose of the ESOL/Title III Program?

- Enable students to become competent in standards-based curriculum emphasizing academic and social language development.
- Help English Learners (EL) master the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS), the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) and World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Language Standards.

Who does the ESOL/Title III Program serve?

- Students in grades kindergarten through grade 12 whose native language is other than English and whose English language skills are such that the student is having difficulty performing classwork in English.

What instruction will my child receive in the ESOL/Title III program?

- Instruction will be in English for English language arts, math, and science and social studies using effective research-based strategies.
- Instruction using the WIDA Standards and Can Do Descriptors.
- Instruction shall be designed to consider the students' learning experiences, instill a positive identity and incorporate the cultural aspects of the students.



Will my child be taught the same subjects and learn the same skills as students in the general education program?

- Yes, all students in ESOL/Title III Program will receive instruction in the GPS and CCGPS.
- Yes, language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies are taught as part of the state required curriculum.
- Yes, in subjects such as art, music, and physical education, students will have meaningful opportunities to participate fully with English-speaking students.

Will my child learn English in a ESOL/Title III program?

- Yes, the mastery of English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills are required in the ESOL/Title III program.
- Yes, English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) instruction is an integral part of the Title III/ESOL program.

How do I know if my child has been recommended for placement in the ESOL/Title III program?

- The school will ask you a series of three questions concerning the language of your family. A test will be done at the school to see if your child qualifies. If your child qualifies, the school will contact you.
- You will be asked to sign a paper for permission to have your child participate in the program if they qualify. Once you sign the paper the ESOL teacher will begin working with your child. You can write a letter at any time to remove your child from the program.

How can parents help their child learn by participating in an ESOL/Title III program?

- Parental approval is required to allow your child to participate and benefit from the ESOL/Title III program.
- Parents can become involved at home by encouraging your child to achieve, providing him/her a place to study and showing interest in his/her school work.
- Parents can volunteer, help in classroom activities, and contact your child's school if you have any questions.

