



English Language Learners

Limited English Proficiency School districts are required to identify and assess students whose primary language is a language other than English. The assessment is conducted to determine if they are limited English proficient and need special language assistance to effectively participate in the district's instructional program.

How are ESL Services provided?

ESL teachers meet with students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, monitoring their progress and consulting with the classroom teacher throughout the school year. Lessons are planned according to the needs of each child.

The amount of time in the program varies for each student, normally one to five years but sometimes longer. It is the goal of the ESL program to help students gain the ability to do grade-level work without support and, ultimately, be able to exit the program.

Who is eligible for ESL Services?

Eligible individuals are those not born in the United States, whose native language is something other than English or who come from environments where a language other than English is dominant.

How is eligibility for ESL services determined?

Within 30 days of enrollment, students who are identified as potentially eligible on a Home Language Survey are then tested to determine if they are English Language Learners (ELL). The Assessment examines a student's skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking English. ELLs are students who are unable to communicate fluently or learn effectively in English and who often come from non-English-speaking homes and backgrounds.

The district's goal is to provide effective instruction that leads to academic achievement and the timely acquisition of proficiency in English. If you wish to inquire further about these services, please contact Shannon Schrock, sschrock@wadsworthschools.org or 330.335.1320. Further information can also be acquired through the Ohio Department of Education at the following link:

[Guidelines for the Identification and Assessment of Limited English Proficient Students](#)