

# CONTACT US

## ESL Program Resources

### Central Enrollment - Assessment Center

All students whose home language is other than English, must enroll with the Columbus City School district through the Central Enrollment ESL Assessment Center. Student records are evaluated and an English placement tool is given, as needed, for proper school 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.



### 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  
Northgate (4-5)  
Oakmont  
Olde Orchard  
Salem  
Scottwood  
Siebert  
Sullivant  
Valley Forge  
West Broad

##### Middle Schools

\*Columbus Global  
Academy (6-9)  
Hilltonia  
Johnson Park  
Medina  
\*Mifflin  
Ridgeview  
\*Wedgewood  
Woodward Park @Walden  
Woodward Park

##### High Schools

\*Beechcroft  
Briggs  
\*Columbus Global  
Academy (6-9)  
Columbus Intl. HS (7-12)  
\*Independence  
\*Mifflin  
\*Northland  
Walnut Ridge  
\*West  
\*Whetstone

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



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 English Learners (EL-s) 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, English Learners 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 gram-



### Sheltered Content Classes

Lower level English Learners 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 6-9. Students may remain at CGA for a minimum of two full school years.

### ESL Call Center

Provides immediate interpreting services (over the phone) to all buildings in the district. With the exception of SPED meetings we are able to assist with reaching out to parents who are bilingual in Spanish, Somali, Nepali, Arabic and French. Personnel also provides translations of district-wide and school-wide memos. On-site interpreters are available upon request. The form can be accessed on our main ESL web page.



### English Language Support @ Career Centers

English Learners receive English language support from either an ESL teacher or instructional assistant as they participate in

### EL Assessments

#### Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS)

The Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS) is aligned to the K-12 English Language Proficiency Standards and is designed to identify Ohio students in grades K-12 as English learners.

#### Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA)

The Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) is the state summative test used to determine an English learner's proficiency level and to exit from the English language program. The OELPA is aligned to the K-12 English Language Proficiency Standards and is used to meet the federal requirement of an **annual** assessment of English proficiency measuring listening, speaking reading and writing. The OELPA is required for all English learners as on of the Ohio's State Tests.