

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



ESL PARENT ORIENTATION
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Introductions

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Elementary ESL Specialists:

- Mrs. Amy DeGregorio-Marshall Elementary
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- Miss Nicole Tutino – McKnight Elementary
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Secondary ESL Specialists:

- Mrs. Aliceann Boyle – Carson and Marshall Middle Schools
- Mrs. Amy DeGregorio-Marshall Middle School
- Mrs. Marcy Marshall – North Allegheny Intermediate & High School

ESL Magnet Program

English Language Learners (ELLs) attend magnet schools to deliver services more effectively and efficiently. Students are reassigned to the magnet school for all instruction, eliminating shuttle transportation between schools and loss of instructional time for students.

Magnet Schools	Feeder Schools
Marshall Elementary	Bradford Woods Elementary
McKnight Elementary	Franklin Elementary Hosack Elementary Ingomar Elementary Peebles Elementary
Carson Middle School	Ingomar Middle School
North Allegheny Intermediate School	North Allegheny Senior High School



Transportation

❖ Students who exit ESL and attend a magnet school will choose between their home school or parent provided transportation of their child to their ESL school.

❖ Transportation will be provided to the ESL school for exited students if one or more siblings qualify for ESL at the magnet school.

❖ Students may also continue to receive transportation if it will be the last year in their building, i.e. 5th or 8th grade.

Who Are Our English Language Learners?



What is English as a Second Language?

English as a Second Language (ESL) is teaching the skills of **Listening**, **Speaking**, **Reading**, and **Writing** in an educational environment at appropriate developmental levels with little or no use of the native language.

How are ESL Classes Scheduled?

- ❖ **Depending upon your child's current proficiency level (English skill level), students may receive up to 2 hours of ESL instruction per day.**
- ❖ **ESL instruction occurs primarily during English Language Arts (ELA) or English/Reading.**
- ❖ **Group instruction may be provided by combining students from more than one grade level and varying proficiency levels.**
- ❖ **Children may have more than one ESL Specialist per year.**

What Does ESL Instruction Look Like?

ESL Classes Allow For:

- ❖ **Individualized instruction**
- ❖ **Adequate pacing**
- ❖ **Active participation**
- ❖ **More repetition**
- ❖ **Greater focus on specific needs of students**
- ❖ **Frequent communication**



2017-2018 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0



- ❖ An **online assessment** - ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 for grades 1 through 12 that assesses each of the four language domains of **Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing**
- ❖ **Kindergarten and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs** assessments are **paper-based**.
- ❖ **The ACCESS for ELLs and the WIDA Screener** measure your child's English Proficiency Level using this scale:
 - ❖ **Entering – 1**
 - ❖ **Emerging – 2**
 - ❖ **Developing – 3**
 - ❖ **Expanding – 4**
 - ❖ **Bridging – 5**
 - ❖ **Reaching-6**

What is the ESL Reclassification or Exit Criteria?

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has established the following ESL Reclassification or Exit Criteria to determine when a student no longer requires ESL Services. To meet the required state exit criteria, students must meet the required exit criteria and **one additional exit criteria** listed below:

Required Exit Criteria

- ❖ A score of 5.0 on an ACCESS for ELLs Kindergarten assessment, or
- ❖ A score of 5.0 on an ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs assessment, or
- ❖ A score of 5.0 in all domains on the WIDA Screener Language Inventory Rubrics—**update**

ESL Communication

We communicate through e-mail, phone calls, scheduled conferences, and information sent home:

- ❖ **Parents to teachers**
- ❖ **Teachers to parents**
- ❖ **Parents to school**
- ❖ **CHAIN OF COMMAND:**
 - Teacher → Principal → Director of Elementary Education Dr. James Bradley**
- ❖ **Refer to Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions Pamphlet**

ESL District Resources

ESL Website

Find ESL teachers' web pages and emails, overview of the program, and information on resources and important events.

How do I access?

1. Go to www.northallegheny.org (**Select Language**)
2. Click on the Departments & Offices tab.
3. Select Pupil Services.
4. On the left side of the page, click the ESL Program tab.
5. You are now on the ESL page.

ESL District Resources

Peach Jar

What is it?

Information for parent(s)/guardian(s) and students about the community, schools, and District.

What will I find here?

Permission forms for after school activities, sports, fundraisers, parties, testing information, etc.

When should I check it? Weekly, it is updated every Thursday.

Where do I find the Peach Jar?

1. Click on NA Schools (in a black box) upper left corner of the homepage.
2. Select your school.
3. Scroll down gray bar on left side to find the Peach Jar link.

ESL Resources

Foreign Language Translating Service

- ❖ ***TransPerfect* is a telephone service that provides translators in 180 languages, 365 days a year.**
- ❖ ***TransPerfect* may be used for emergencies; ESAP, PPT, or IEP meetings; conferences; or at parent(s)/guardian(s) request.**
- ❖ **Contact your ESL teacher or building principal for translation services.**

What is the ESL Advisory Committee?

To help improve communication, the NASD has developed the **ESL Advisory Committee:**

A group of content area teachers, an ESL Specialist, administrators, and parent(s)/guardian(s) meet to discuss events in the ELL community and new ways to assist English Language Learners.

Meetings:

_____ , at 1:30 p.m., in Conference Room B at CAO

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Please sign up if interested.

Reminders will be sent home before meeting dates.

Dates to Remember



Elementary Conferences

❖ **Monday and Tuesday, November 6 and 7, 2017**

Please sign-up for a conference either Monday, November __ from 12:00-7:45 p.m. or Tuesday, November ____ from 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

ESL Family Night

❖ **Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Carson Middle School**

A night of families, food, and fun! Come and meet with other ESL families in the District. Taste foods from all around the world and bring a dish from your own culture to share!



What ESL Materials and Resources are Implemented?

CURRICULUM

❖ **Reach Series K-5**

❖ **Inside Series 6-8**

❖ **Edge Series 9-12**



All series are standards-based with specialized instructional strategies.

All series have online components that teachers and students may utilize in the classroom and students can access at home.