

DID YOU KNOW?

Marion County Public Schools has a diverse student body. Some students, who are already bilingual, do not need ESOL services. However, there are approximately 2,000 students enrolled in the *ESOL Program* whose native language is something other than English. Here are some of the languages represented.

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| Afrikaans | Greek | Nepali | Swedish |
| Albanian | Gujarati | Norwegian | Tagalog |
| Arabic | Haitian-Creole | Patwin | Tajik |
| Bulgarian | Hindi | Persian | Thai |
| Cantonese | Hungarian | Picuris | Tibetan |
| Czech | Indonesian | Polish | Tonga |
| Danish | Japanese | Portuguese | Turkish |
| Dutch | Korean | Romanian | Urdu |
| Farsi | Kurdish | Russian | Vietnamese |
| Finnish | Kwakiutl | Serbo-Croatian | |
| French | Malayalam | Spanish | |
| French Cree | Mandarin | | |
| German | | | |



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ESOL

*English for
Speakers of
Other Languages*

Regardless of the native language your child speaks, ESOL addresses the learning needs of students not proficient in English.



The *Marion County Public Schools'* teachers work with each of these students through an educational program, developing English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



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Advancing Each Student's Education: OUR MISSION

To expedite the English language acquisition of the ESOL students so they function to the best of their ability and to the highest of their potential without the assistance of our Program. Ultimately, **our mission is to prepare and develop successful bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural citizens** in an increasingly multicultural society, meeting the challenges of the 21st Century.

THE HANDS OF HELP: Our Teachers and Paraprofessionals

The *ESOL Program* provides **intensive training and preparation to all teachers** so they can maximize the content of their students' learning.

This ensures all students can academically achieve English language skills and the educational goals of *Marion County Public Schools*.

Assisting educators, ESOL Paraprofessionals act as a helping hand, providing **comprehensible instruction to the English Language Learner (ELL)** and working with this student as recommended by the teacher.



6 Core Aptitude Areas

Listening: ESOL students will comprehend spoken English.

Speaking: ESOL students will become orally fluent in English.

Reading: ESOL students will comprehend written English.

Writing: ESOL students will write English correctly and creatively.

Culture: ESOL students will understand the American culture and how their native cultures contributed to the creation of the modern-day United States of America.

Self-Concept: ESOL students will develop a positive self-image, preparing them to integrate into American society, while still maintaining pride in their home heritage and in their respective native language.