

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



**ESL PARENT ORIENTATION**  
**North Allegheny School District**  
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# *Introductions*

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# *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.

<b>Magnet Schools</b>	<b>Feeder Schools</b>
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

# 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 "WIN" (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.**
- ❖ **ESL Specialists may push into general education classrooms.**

# *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**



# 2019-2020 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:

## **Required Exit Criteria**

- ❖ A composite score of 4.5 or above on the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

<b>ACCESS Proficiency Level Score</b>	<b>Points Assigned</b>
4.5-4.7	3.6
4.8-5.0	4.5
5.1-5.3	5.8
>5.3	8.4



- ❖ Higher scores earn more “ACCESS for ELLs” points
- ❖ A combined score of 10.5 points from the ACCESS for ELLs points and “language use inventories”



# ESL Reclassification

Language Use Inventories		ESL Teacher			Content Teacher		
		Low	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate	High
Rubric 1	Interaction	0	0.3	0.5	0	0.3	0.5
	Listening	0	0.3	0.5	0	0.3	0.5
	Speaking	0	0.3	0.5	0	0.3	0.5
	Reading	0	0.3	0.5	0	0.3	0.5
Rubric 2	Writing: Cohesion	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.3
	Writing: Word/Phrase	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.3
	Writing: Grammar/Sentences	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.3
	Writing: Genre - Narrative	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.3
	Writing: Genre - Report & Essays	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.3
	Writing: Genre - Arguments	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.3

- ❖ Each **language use inventory** produces a single score and the sum of the two inventory scores is added to the **ACCESS for ELLs® points** assigned to determine if the student meets the minimum threshold for **reclassification**. → **10.5 points or higher**

# ESL Reclassification

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- ❖ The ACCESS test will be given between **January 6th and February 21st** this year. There are 4 parts which may be given on different days. **Please let your child's ESL teacher know if your child will be absent during this window.**
- ❖ ACCESS test scores are usually released in June
- ❖ ACCESS score reports and reclassification notifications will be sent to your home over summer vacation.
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# Transportation of Exited Students

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- ❖ Students will choose between returning to their home school (bus provided) OR remaining at their ESL school (parents MUST provide transportation & a request for reassignment form must be approved)
- ❖ 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. 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

# *ESL Communication*

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**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](http://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 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.**
- ❖ **[NorthAllegheny.org](http://NorthAllegheny.org) → “select language” tab at the top**
- ❖ **[McKnightPFA.org](http://McKnightPFA.org) → “select language” tab to the left**
- ❖ **iPad → google translate app (can use camera & microphone)**

# Dates to Remember



## Elementary Conferences

- ❖ **Monday, November 4th OR Tuesday, November 5th**  
Please sign-up for a conference either Monday, November 4th from 12:00-7:45 p.m. or Tuesday, November 5th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

## ESL Family Night

- ❖ **Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at McKnight Elementary**

**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.**