



WORLD CLASS SERVICES *for* OUR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

Department of English as a Second Language

ESL DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

At Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS), we believe our diversity makes us stronger. The district is currently home to more than 10,000 active English Learners (ELs) in over 200 schools. The MSCS Department of English as a Second Language (ESL) is a leader among EL programs in the state. We offer strategically-tailored programs and services that promote cross-cultural education and facilitate academic growth while honoring the cultural identity of our students.

GOALS

Our goal is to improve English proficiency growth and academic outcomes for English Learners in MSCS. Our English Learners continue to narrow the achievement gap in every tested subject. Our students go on to be valedictorians, salutatorians, as well as engaged members of the community.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY & ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The ESL Department is proud of the performance of our English Learners on the 2021-22 WIDA ACCESS Assessment, which assesses student progress toward English proficiency.

- ★ There was exponential growth, with **732 English Learners exiting the ESL program this year.**
- ★ Based on the percentage of students meeting growth standards, **MSCS doubled the AMO and will earn an "A" via the AMO pathway.**
- ★ The English Learner subgroup has also earned a **Level 5 TVAAS score.**
- ★ Our Elementary English Learner Transitional students met and exceeded grade level expectations with TCAP Performance rates of **58% in ELA and 51% in Math.**

10,000+

ACTIVE EL STUDENTS



OUR STUDENTS
REPRESENT

70+

DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES



65+

DIFFERENT NATIVE
LANGUAGES SPOKEN

MOST COMMON LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS

SPANISH	90.8 %
ARABIC	4.2 %
VIETNAMESE	0.7 %
FRENCH	0.7 %
FULA	0.5 %



HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

The goal of our EL program is to support Multilingual Learners with the social, emotional, cultural, speaking and academic skills needed to excel in higher education, work, and life. Our ESL teachers, over 300 in total, work with students to provide English learner services every day during school hours.

MSCS supports all English learners throughout their journey to English fluency, regardless of their starting level of English comprehension. We want to make sure all students have access to high-quality Tier I and ESL instruction every day.

SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES

We believe in strong partnerships with our families and we know strong family partnerships help students achieve more in and out of the classroom. Our EL office offers a variety of programs that support this belief.

ADULT ESL CLASSES

MSCS offers free Adult ESL classes for parents of children enrolled in Memphis Shelby County Schools. Registration for these courses takes place each Fall.

FAMILIES CONNECT PROGRAM

The Families Connect program provides families with the tools and resources to effectively engage at the school level and play a leading role in preparing their children for college or career readiness.

MULTILINGUAL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Our EL office provides a monthly newsletter to all Multilingual families. It contains important information, updates, and resources for parents so they can remain active in their child's education.



Memphis-Shelby County Schools offers educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, creed, age, disability, national origin, or genetic information.

A typical day in the classroom could look like:

- Strategic language instruction in reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Small group instruction with EL teacher for language development.

OUR SERVICES

- English language assessment that ensures students receive personalized language assistance
- Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) are tailored to the language needs of each student.
- Bilingual staff throughout the district connect families with their schools.
- LanguageLine interpretation services are provided to all Title I schools.
- Advocate for students and families
- Supplemental language and literacy software for English learners.
- Summer school and after-school extended learning opportunities.
- Specialized programming for students new to the United States and the English language.

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