



# WORLD CLASS SERVICES *for* OUR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

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At Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS), we believe our diversity makes us stronger. The district is currently home to more than 14,600 active English Learners (ELs) in over 200 schools. The MSCS Office of Multilingual Learners 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.

### SCHOOLS WITH A SIGNIFICANT EL POPULATION

As our EL population grows, more schools than ever before serve EL students. Our district has thirty or more valid TCAP test takers and is held accountable via the State of Tennessee’s district accountability model. Whereas schools with ten or more valid ELPA21 test takers, with a growth score, are held accountable via the State of Tennessee’s school accountability model. More MSCS schools, than ever before, are meeting these thresholds. EL students are not only included in the EL student group, but are also included in the All-student group, and typically included in the Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American (BHNA) and Economically Disadvantaged (ED) student groups.

### ★ ENGLISH PROFICIENCY & ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

There was **exponential growth, with 1604 English Learners exiting the ESL program this year.**



**After exiting the ESL program, transitional students outperform all students on TCAP and EOC assessments in every grade level.**

**14,600+**

ACTIVE ELS & Transitional 1 & 2 STUDENTS

**12,300+**

EL & WAIVED STUDENTS



OUR STUDENTS REPRESENT

**70+**

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



**70+**

DIFFERENT NATIVE LANGUAGES SPOKEN

#### MOST COMMON LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS

SPANISH	89.7 %
ARABIC	3.6 %
VIETNAMESE	0.7 %
FRENCH	0.6 %
FULA	0.6 %
SWAHILI	0.6 %



## 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 family partnerships because we know working together helps students achieve more in and out of the classroom. Our 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. Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday at Treadwell Elementary and Belle Forest Elementary. Call 901.416.5411 if you are interested in joining.

### 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 office provides a bi-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.

### COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAMS

The College and Career Readiness programs, Multilingual Guide to Success and Project Finish Line, aim to ensure all high school multilingual English learners know about post-secondary options. The presenters ensure the students are informed about their current status and expose them to information about various paths they can take to be successful in their future.

*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

- Annual 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.
- Interpretation services are provided to all 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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