



for **WORLD CLASS SERVICES** **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 12,200 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 improve academic outcomes and linguistic growth while honoring the cultural identity of our students. TN State Board of Education Rule Chapter 0520-01-19 establishes minimum required compliance requirements for LEAs serving students who are identified as English Learners (EL).

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 WIDA 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 BHNA and ED student groups.

GOALS

- Improve English learners' TCAP ELA and Math achievement/growth.
- Increase the district's English Language Proficiency Assessment Rating from 40% -C to 50%- B. Increase the percentage of ELs meeting or exceeding TDOE growth standard by at least 10% at each school.
- Obtain 100% compliance on all ESL state and federal requirements.

ESL METRICS & ROI

The ESL Department is proud of the performance of our English Learners on both the 2022-23 WIDA ACCESS and TCAP Assessments.

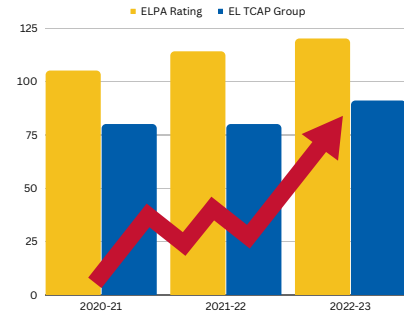
- ★ We continued our upward trajectory, with **763 English Learners exiting the ESL program.**
- ★ Increased the **percentage of ELs meeting proficiency growth** standards **from 17.9%** in 2021 to 38.8% in 2022 and to **41.4% in 2023.**
- ★ Our Elementary English Learner Transitional students met and exceeded grade level expectations with TCAP Performance rates of **53.1% in ELA and 52.5% in Math.**

12,200+

ENGLISH LEARNERS



NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WITH ELPA & EL TCAP GROUPS



ELS 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

Our ESL program supports 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 ESL department ensures that all English learners are supported 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.

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.

EL PARENT TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS

The purpose of this program is to empower parents and educators by providing a critical technology-based program through which parents can improve their technological knowledge. This, by extension, would create greater opportunities for communication between parents and school officials via computer-based platforms.

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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