

Madeira City School District
Title III – English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

Purpose of ESL program:

English as a Second Language (ESL) services are designed to help English Language Learners (ELL) to attain English language proficiency as quickly as possible so that he or she can participate effectively in classrooms in which English is the language of instruction. English Language Learners in ESL programs will also learn to navigate the cultural and social expectations of the educational system in the United States of America. The goals of the ESL program are:

- To identify all students in the district whose home or native language is not English
- To assess any potential ELL student in listening, speaking, reading, and writing to determine the need for ESL services to effectively participate in the district's educational program
- To provide effective instruction through ESL services so that the student is able to fully participate in the district's educational program

The goals for each student receiving ESL services as put forth in the State ELP Standard (English Language Proficiency Standards – ELPA):

- To use English to communicate in social settings
- To use English to achieve academically in all content areas
- To use English in socially and culturally appropriate ways

Awareness and acceptance of culturally diverse students will be encouraged in the program. The ESL staff will acknowledge the value of the students' primary cultural heritage, while helping students develop an awareness of their new North American culture. School teaching staff that comes in contact with ELL students will be offered suggestions for instruction as well as consultation regarding students' background and cultural experiences. The ESL staff will act as a liaison between ELL parents and the school by supporting and encouraging them to become involved in the school community.