



Hillsborough Township Public Schools

World Languages/ESL Department

Date _____

Dear Parent / Guardian of _____:

In accordance with federal law, our district provides an English as a Second Language (ESL) program for children with limited English Proficiency. Based on our assessment (WIDA-MODEL) of your child's English language skills, it has been determined that he/she is eligible for ESL. Your child's results are below:

School: _____ Grade: _____ Assessment date: _____

Test: WIDA MODEL Composite Score: _____ Proficiency level: _____

Please refer to the chart below for a description of your child's English proficiency.

Proficiency Level	Description of English Proficiency Levels
1 - Entering	Knows and uses minimal social language and minimal academic language with visual support.
2 - Beginning	Knows and uses some social English and general academic language with visual support.
3 - Developing	Knows and uses social English and specific academic language with visual support.
4 - Expanding	Knows and uses social English and some technical academic language.
5 - Bridging	Knows and uses social and academic language working with grade level material.
6 - Reaching	Knows and uses social and academic language at the highest level measured by this test.

Your child will automatically be enrolled in the ESL program. The ESL services are designed to improve English reading, writing, speaking, and listening. A certified K-12 English as a Second Language Specialist will utilize strategies geared toward developing and mastering English proficiency, such as comprehensible input, building background knowledge, vocabulary modification, etc.

Your child will be instructed for at least one period a day through the following instructional setting:

Pull-out _____ *Push-in* _____ *In place of the literacy period* _____

One (1) instructional period is _____ *minutes.*

Your child's English language proficiency will be measured via the NJ state mandated assessment on a yearly basis during March/April while in our ESL program. The results of this test, along with other criteria such as standardized testing, common assessments, classroom and ESL teacher recommendations, will determine your child's need for ESL services in subsequent school years. Students are expected to receive ESL support for 1-4 years. 100% of the students in our program graduate successfully from Hillsborough High School. If your child has a learning disability, the Child Study Team along with all teachers who support your child, including the ESL teacher, will work together to ensure the services provided are developed in the best interest of your child.

The Hillsborough Township Public Schools strongly recommends your child's participation in this program. While you may decline services, it must be understood that your child's academic progress may be limited should you decide against participation in this program. We are certain the ESL program will meet your child's specific instructional needs, the NJ state standards and ultimately promote your child's academic success.

If you wish your child to participate in the ESL program, no further action is needed on your part. If you **do not** wish your child to participate in this program, please contact Roberto Lugo at (908) 431-6600 x 2014 prior to October 14, 2017.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Antunes, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent