

## **Multicultural Education**

### **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a program that serves to meet the language and academic needs of a diverse English Language Learner (ELL) population that speak over 60 languages. ESOL instruction integrates strategies for teaching English as a Second Language in accordance with the curriculum standards requirements to provide comparable and comprehensible instruction. This instruction helps ELLs to develop communicative and academic skills necessary for meeting national, state, and district educational standards. For more information click [here](#).

### **Dual Language Program**

The Volusia County Schools Dual Language Immersion Program offers students in select schools the opportunity to become bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish, while maintaining high academic standards.

The program begins in VPK or kindergarten and requires a VPK-grade five or Kindergarten-grade five commitment. Students experience half of their academic instruction in English and the other half in Spanish. All literacy and content instruction in both languages is aligned with state standards.

### **Translation/Interpretation**

The ESOL Department provides translation and interpretation services for limited English proficient families. An interpreter can be provided for teacher conferences, ESOL/ESE meetings, etc. This service is to help parents become more involved in their children's education.

### **Parent Leadership Council**

The Parent Leadership Council (PLC) is established with parents from different schools in the district. During these PLC meetings, parents, teachers, school staff, and community groups are provided training opportunities and information. The goal of our PLC is to empower parents to become active participants in their child's education and enhance the district-to-school communication.



### **Florida Seal of Biliteracy**

Students have the opportunity to earn the **Florida Seal of Biliteracy**. This graduation distinction is earned with four years of a high school world language with a 3.0 unweighted average or the required score on an approved assessment. Eligible students must also earn the required ELA score. The Seal of Biliteracy is intended to identify students with 21<sup>st</sup> century global and linguistic competency for prospective employers and college admissions. It is also intended to honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community. Typically, more

than 300 graduates earn this distinction every year. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

### **World Languages**

A 21st century education includes the study of world languages and cultures. Every opportunity for language acquisition offers our students unique advantages for personal growth and future professional success. The study of a second (or third, or fourth) language enhances the student's ability to master critical learning skills necessary for academic success.