Jeffco’s ESL program supports multilingual learners academically and linguistically. Teachers and tutors from the Department of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) use a range of strategies to help students access rigorous, grade-level content while developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English.

**Goals of Jeffco's ESL Program**

Jeffco’s mission is to provide a world-class education that prepares all students for bright and successful futures as local and global citizens. To support these outcomes, staff from the Department of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) work with schools and students to ensure that:

- Multilingual learners develop high levels of English language proficiency
- Multilingual learners perform at academic levels similar to their English proficient peers across content areas
- Schools across Jeffco engage with families in ways that are inclusive and culturally-aware

**In Jeffco, we believe multilingual learners contribute to a strong academic environment, creating schools where diverse communities thrive.**

**What Does ESL Support Look Like in Jeffco?**

ESL support in Jeffco is differentiated between elementary and secondary learners. Here's what it looks like at each level:

**Elementary ESL**
- CLDE staff support students’ English language development, typically within the general education classroom.
- Students benefit from ESL strategies to help them access grade-level content area learning.
- CLDE staff collaborate with classroom teachers to ensure multilingual learners are demonstrating success toward grade-level expectations.

**Secondary ESL**
- Students take specific English language arts and content-area courses that are designed to meet students’ English language development needs.
- ESL courses are available either in-person or online, and count toward high school graduation requirements.
- CLDE staff collaborate with content area teachers to ensure students are demonstrating success toward grade-level expectations.

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