

FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ESL – Content Teachers

The Basic Education Circular (BEC) for English Learners in Pennsylvania specifies that all content teachers are required to provide modifications and accommodations to allow ELs to have meaningful access to the content at the English proficiency level of the student.

[PA Department of Education – Basic Education Circular – English Learners](#)

The following is a District form commonly used by ESL teachers to determine any needed modifications and accommodations:

[FASD Accommodations and Modifications for ESL Students](#)

In order to assist non-ESL teachers with the task of making content accessible and meaningful for their ELs, PDE has created the English Language Development Standards. The Standards are divided into five (5) categories:

- Social and Instructional
- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Additionally, the standards are aligned to the PA core standards to allow teachers the ability to see how the content may be modified to each proficiency level and grade cluster. The WIDA Can-Do Descriptors may also be used to assist in planning and modifying content for ELs.

ESL Beginning-of-the-Year Checklist

The following is a beginning of the year checklist for ESL teachers/students:

1. Administer the Access for ELL test for new students
2. Notify parents of ELL placement
3. Coordinate schedule within department and teachers
4. Provide classroom teachers with modifications and accommodations.
5. Monitor exited students.