



## Plumsted Township School District

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Date

**RE: Initial Recommendation for ESL Program**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our district schools provide an English language program for students who demonstrate a need for instruction in English language skills. The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program offers a curriculum of activities designed to teach students the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills necessary for success in school and to meet age-appropriate academic standards.

Your child is eligible to take advantage of the opportunities this program can provide and is being recommended for placement in the program. This recommendation is based on his/her screening score of \_\_\_\_\_ on the WIDA MODEL Measure of Developing English Language screening that recently took place. You, as a parent or guardian, have the right to decline these services being offered to your child. It must be understood that your child's academic progress may be limited should you decide against participation in this program. Students normally participate in the program for a period of up to three years. Multiple criteria are used in determining when a student no longer needs ESL services. These criteria include the annual ACCESS for ELLs assessment, teacher recommendation, and performance in the classroom.

Please click [HERE](#) to acknowledge receipt of this notice and to confirm or decline your child's placement into the program. If the form is not completed within 5 days, we will assume that you acknowledge the placement of your child in the ESL program. We wish your child great success in our schools

If your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), improvement in his/her ability to speak, read and write in English will help to meet the objectives of their IEP.

If you have questions concerning our program and/or your child's eligibility, please contact me via Parent Square or phone (609) 758-6800 extension 3000. We wish your child great success in our schools.

Sincerely,

*Mandy Zapata*

Mandy Zapata  
ESL Teacher