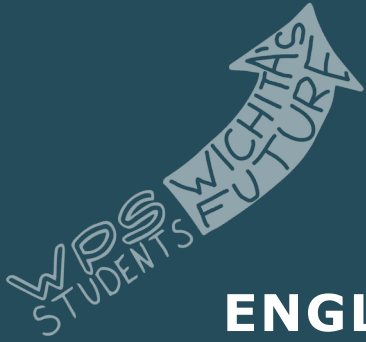




ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

ESOL PROGRAMMING

July 7, 2025 • Board of Education Meeting

WPSPROUD



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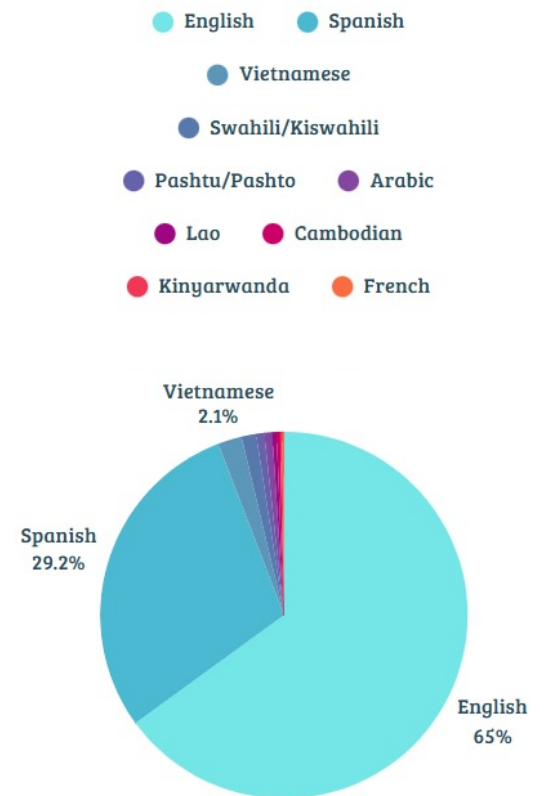
21%
OF WPS
STUDENTS ARE
ESOL

116 **LANGUAGES**
SPOKEN
IN STUDENTS' HOMES

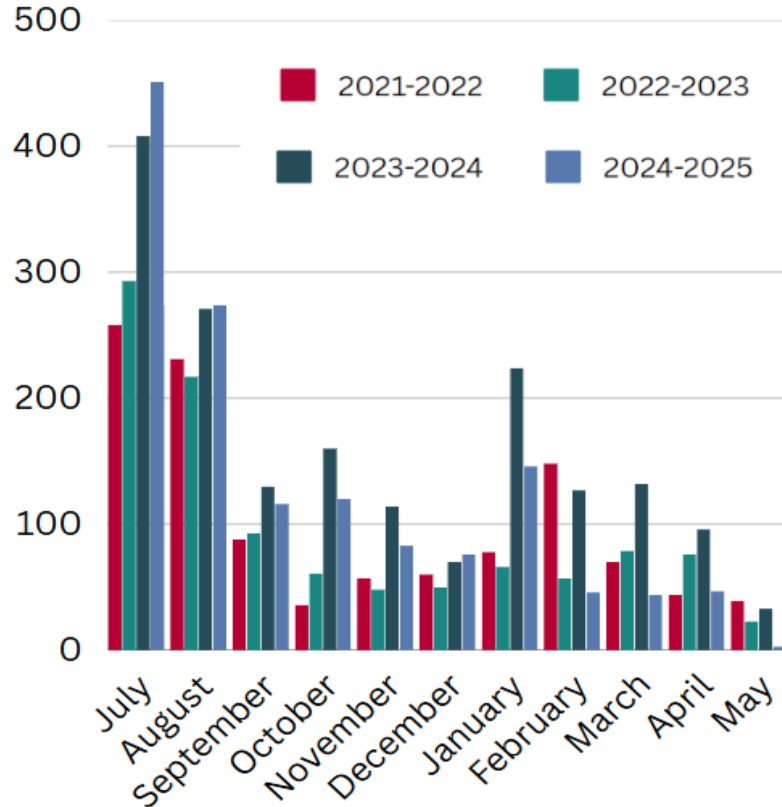


104
COUNTRIES
OF BIRTH
REPRESENTED

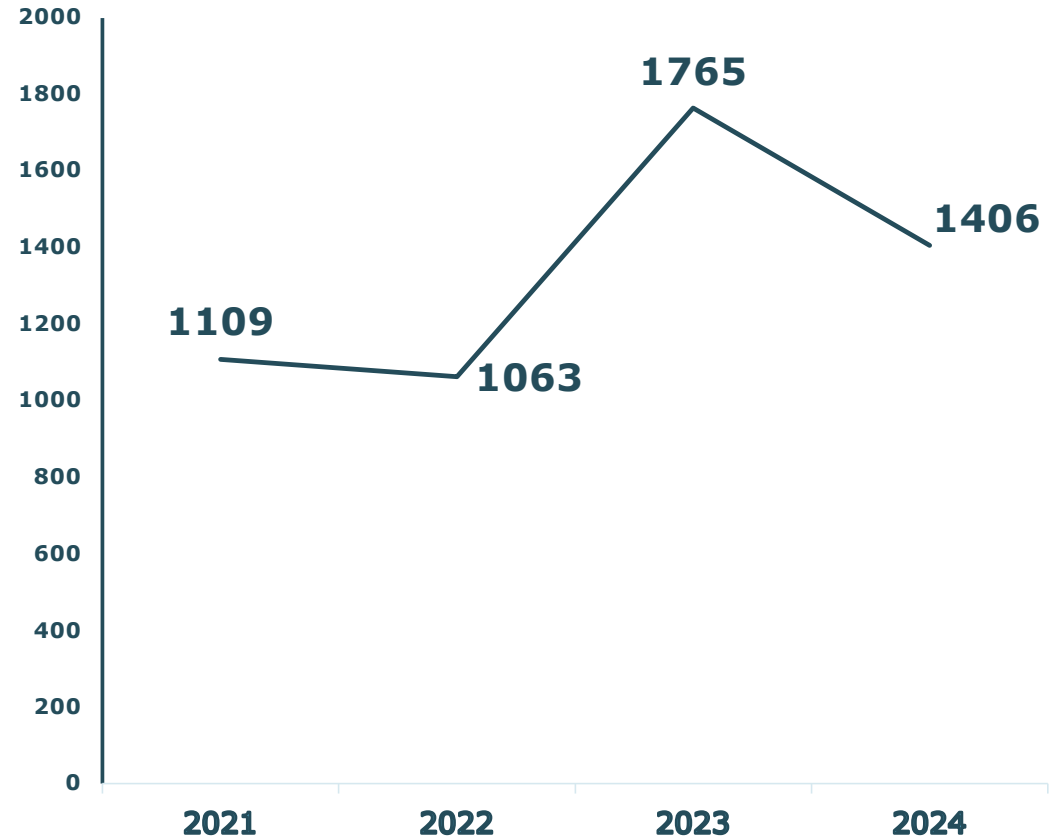
Top 10 Languages Spoken in USD 259



Multilingual Educational Services Enrollment Trends



MES Enrollment Totals



OVER 1,500

ESOL ENDORSED STAFF



- Approximately 150 certified staff complete their ESOL endorsement annually, made possible by WPS.
- Courses and textbooks are free to WPS certified staff.
(space limited)

WPS ESOL programs provide quality education for English language learners through co-teaching, embedded teaching, and push-in models that support language development and access to core instruction.

ESOL Instructional Models





Newcomer Programming

NEWCOMER PROGRAMMING IN WPS

- Supports recent arrivals in grades 2nd–12th with limited English proficiency.
- Located within 16 comprehensive schools across the district.
- Provides short-term, transitional support focused on language and school adjustment.
- Addresses students' academic, linguistic, social-emotional development.
- Most students transition fully into general education within 1–2 years.

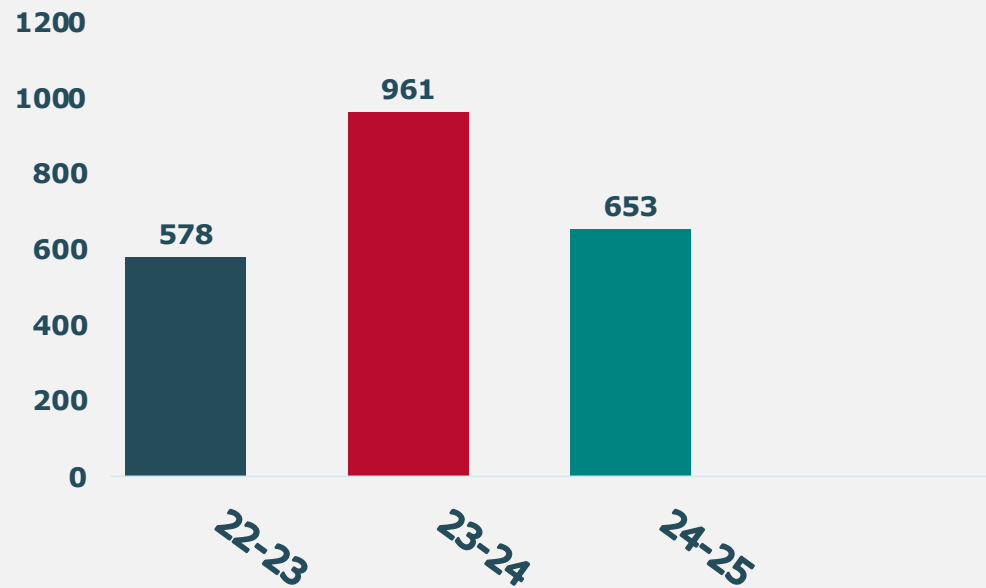
16 NEWCOMER SITES

ADAMS, CALDWELL, CLOUD,
COLVIN, FRANKLIN, GAMMON,
JEFFERSON, MINNEHA, SPAGHT,
WASHINGTON, COLEMAN, CURTIS,
PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE, EAST HIGH,
NORTH HIGH, SOUTHEAST HIGH

1,193 Newcomer students in May 2025

NEWCOMER ENROLLMENT TRENDS

of Newcomer Students



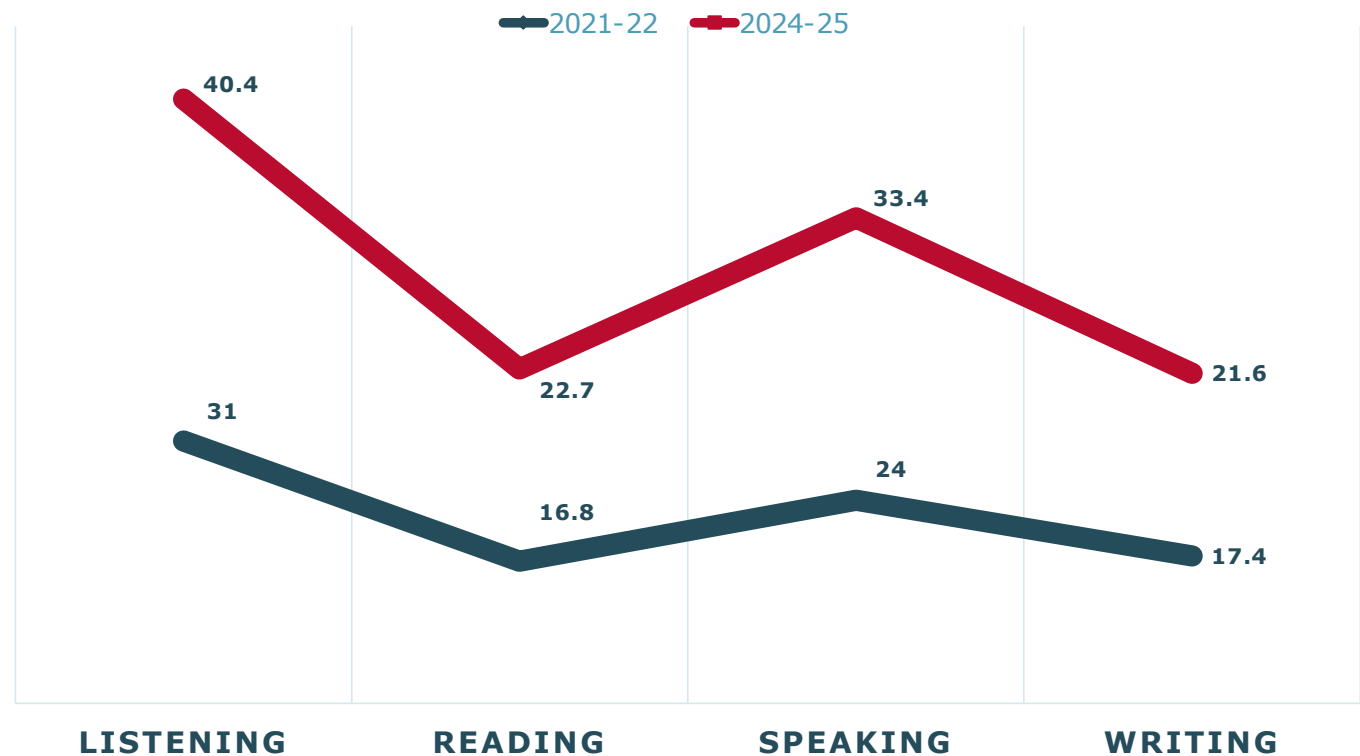
80%

GRADUATION
RATE IN 2024

9.3% Increase in
Graduation rate
since 2018 for ESOL
Students



ELEMENTARY KELPA GROWTH



RECENT ENHANCEMENTS TO ESOL

Fall 2024

- ESOL programming is offered in all Elementary and K-8 buildings
- Opened 4 additional Elementary Newcomer sites
- Adopted curriculum for Newcomer programs
- 8 Elementary paraprofessionals added in October

RECENT ENHANCEMENTS TO ESOL CONT.

Fall 2025

- All Secondary Schools will offer ESOL programs
- 20 ESOL paraprofessionals were added K-12
- 11 Newcomer teachers and paraprofessionals were added
- New Program of Studies for high school newcomers

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO US?

Within Wichita Public Schools the ESOL program reflects the rich range of languages and cultures that strengthen our school communities. These experiences enrich the educational environment and help prepare all students to succeed in a globally connected world. WPS proudly values the unique identities and backgrounds of every student, recognizing that our culturally vibrant classrooms provide a powerful foundation for global readiness.

STUDENTS
TODAY
↓
LEADERS
TOMORROW

LIFE
COLLEGE
AND
CAREER

QUESTIONS

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