

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus – ESL Language/ Culture

Campus: Calallen High School

Course and/or Grade Level: ESL Language/Culture

Course Description: The English as a Second Language (ESL) program develops students' competence in English and prepares them to succeed in all academic subjects. The program emphasizes the mastery of English language skills—reading, writing, speaking, and listening—while integrating mathematics, science, and social studies.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
<u>Reading/ Writing:</u> -numbers/letters -days and months -colors and shapes -places in school/ classroom objects -nouns -nouns / verb “to be” <u>Listening/Speaking:</u> -greet and introduce -talk about daily activities -give directions -describe locations <u>Academic:</u> -geography: maps, directions -scientific method - reading charts, tables and graphs	<u>Reading/Writing:</u> -Visual cues / dictionary skills -main idea, sequence -cause & effect / fact & opinion -compare & contrast / make inferences -journal entries -prepositions/ articles / adjectives <u>Listening/Speaking:</u> -retell a story -talk about daily activities -discuss and dramatize <u>Academic:</u> - operations / word problems - weather, seasons, water cycle -laws and government basics

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
<u>Reading/ Writing:</u> -character/setting, theme -author's purpose -prediction -nonfiction text features / visual information -personal narratives -regular verbs / past tense <u>Listening/Speaking:</u> -summarize -discuss and dramatize - chat mats (conversations) <u>Academic:</u> - fractions/decimals/percents - matter, energy, force, motion -timelines, important historical figures	<u>Reading/ Writing:</u> -asking questions -biographies -make connections -making inferences -adverbs -revising and editing <u>Listening/Speaking:</u> -summarize / make inferences -discuss and dramatize -chat mats (conversations) <u>Academic:</u> --needs v. wants/ goods and services - human body systems / ecosystems - measurement/geometry

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*