

School District of Chester County
Parental Notification of Student Placement in the English for Speakers for Other Languages
(ESOL) Program

To the Parent/Guardian of: _____
Last Name First Name
School _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Your child's English proficiency has been measured using the W-APT. Results show that your child is eligible to receive assistance from the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program. Your child's fluency in English is at the level checked below:

- Prefunctional
- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Fluent English

Your child will receive English instruction in reading, writing, listening, and speaking with an ESOL or mainstream teacher using the following models of instruction:

ESOL pull-out group ESOL class for credit ESOL Push-In Monitored

ESOL classes provide instruction appropriate to the child's needs and abilities. Most students exit the ESOL program within three to five years, and are expected to graduate from high school at the same rate as mainstream students. Students who qualify for special education or other special services receive those services in addition to ESOL. ESOL teachers will coordinate with special education instructors to fully implement Individual Education Plans (IEP).

When your child's test results on the W-APT are "fluent," he or she is able to achieve academically without direct ESOL support, your child will be fully mainstreamed. Years in ESOL depend on the initial level of proficiency, motivation, and other factors.

You, as parent(s), have the right to immediately refuse ESOL service. Your child will be removed from the ESOL program upon receipt of the waiver form. While mainstream teachers will strive to meet the needs of your child, they may not be able to fully meet his or her academic needs without ESOL support. While some ESOL teachers may speak another language, bilingual instruction is not available.

Parents have the right to express opinions and voice concerns about any educational services your child is receiving. Please contact your child's school principal, classroom teacher, or ESOL teacher, **Mirela Hanks** at mhanks@chester.k12.sc.us or 803-789-5164.

Thank you,

Wanda Frederick, Executive Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education
Chester County School District

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