

What services does the TDSB offer English Language Learners?

- All teachers in all grades and levels of school are required to offer **accommodations** and **modifications** for ELLs.
- **Translation and interpretation services:** Schools can use interpreters to reach out to you. Please ask your school to book an interpreter when necessary.
- **Literacy Enrichment Academic Program (LEAP):** LEAP is in select elementary and secondary schools for students with limited or disrupted prior formal education.
- **Settlement Services** can help with:
 - Housing/Job Search
 - Immigration/Citizenship
 - Health/Education
 - Mental Health Support

Please ask your school for more information.

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE/ ENGLISH LITERACY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (ESL/ELD)



What are the benefits of ESL classes?

ESL/ELD programming is flexible and designed to fit each student's strengths and needs.

Students develop communication skills for academic & social purposes.

The program builds on students' first language knowledge and/or experiences to access the Ontario curriculum.

All students learning English are entitled to:

- **Accommodations** such as personal dictionaries, audio narrations, multilingual texts, use of translator apps.
- **Modifications** such as reducing grade level expectations, changing grade level expectations.

TDSB is proud of the linguistic and cultural diversity represented by our students. Students who are learning the language of instruction while learning the curriculum may benefit from the **English as a Second Language (ESL)** or **English Literacy Development program (ELD)**.

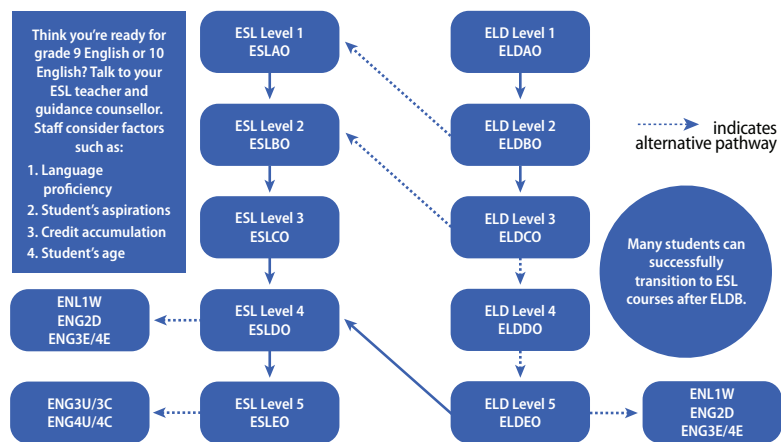
Who can take ESL/ELD classes or get ESL support?

- Newcomers to Ontario, Canada
- Students born in Canada whose primary language is not English
- Students who speak a dialect of English significantly different from the dialect used in Ontario
- First Nation, Inuit or Métis students whose primary language is not English

Pathways from ELD or ESL courses to English courses

The chart below shows how some English language learners (ELLs) may progress through their ESL/ELD courses and into English courses. Students and families/ guardians should speak to their guidance counsellor and teachers about transitioning from ELD courses to ESL, and/or from ESL to English courses.

English as a Second Language English Literacy Development



*Note: These courses will not delay a student's ability to achieve an OSSD.

How can I help my child/ward?

- Continue to use and further develop your child's first language skills at home.
- Communicate with the teacher/school/your child about their work and progress.
- Attend Meet the Teacher Nights and Parent Teacher Interviews. Please note that parents can request translators or interpreters if needed by contacting their school.
- Take your child to your local Toronto Public Library branch.
- Encourage the participation of extra-curricular activities.
- Review and discuss report cards with your child and their teachers.

Supports available for Elementary English Language Learners

A range of program models, support, and assistance is available to ESL/ELD students depending on the needs of the student.

- Schools may provide in-class or withdrawal support.
- ELLs' progress in language acquisition is monitored, tracked and reported on in order to support student success.

Supports available for Secondary English Language Learners

After registering at your local school, students are assessed by the TDSB Secondary Assessment Centre (TSAC) in literacy and numeracy. The following supports are available depending on the needs of the student.

- ESL/ELD courses based on language proficiency (not age or grade level)
- Students may substitute up to three ESL or ELD courses for compulsory English credit requirements towards their high school diploma. Additional ESL/ELD credits are counted as optional credits toward diploma requirements.

Please ask your child's/ward's guidance counsellor for more information.

