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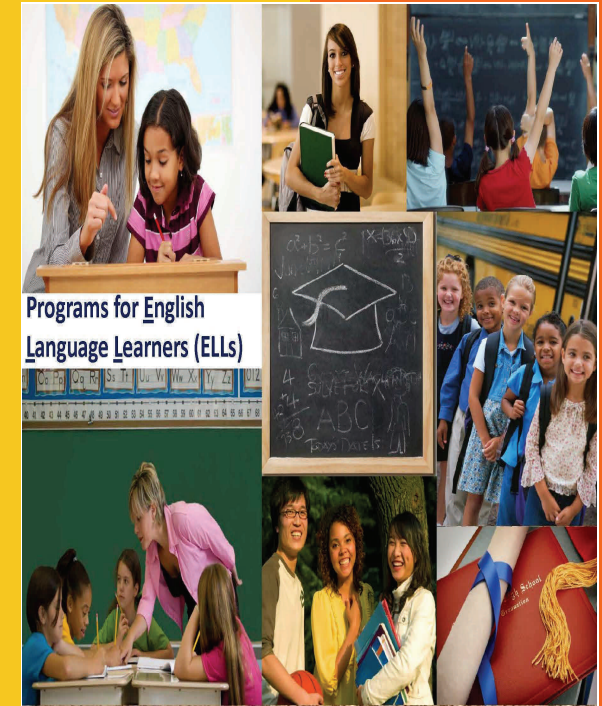
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Program Overview

Hillsborough County Public Schools serve over 48,000 students who represent 208 countries and 195 languages/dialects. Each of these students has a story to tell and a personal history as diverse as the countries and cultures they represent.

Mission: To ensure that English language learners (ELLs) have access to academic content that is equal in scope, sequence, breadth, and depth to the curricular offerings available to all students.

Vision: To prepare successful, bicultural ELLs to become contributing members of a global society.



Program Goals

- To develop the students' English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension.
- To ensure that English language learners continue to develop and acquire skills and concepts in content area subjects while they are developing their English language skills.
- To encourage communication between school and home that will promote the educational success of English Language Learners.

Program Services

Bilingual Psychological and Social Services

Native language psychological, social, and guidance services are provided to bilingual students and their families.

Interpreters and Translators

Interpreters are utilized at district and school level parent and community meetings. They also translate a wide variety of district and school level forms dealing with everything from health and safety to discipline and academics.

Native Language Services

Bilingual Paraprofessionals – Over 400 bilingual paraprofessionals work with students and teachers to review, clarify, and reinforce academic skills. They also serve as a liaison for home/school communications.

ESOL Teachers and Resource Teachers

ESOL teachers utilize a variety of instructional strategies, materials, and accommodations to teach students to speak, read, and write in English to ensure academic instruction is understandable to ELLs. Schools with large populations of ELLs employ a full time ESOL Resource Teacher who coordinates all site-based ESOL services.

ESOL Self-Contained Classes

K-12 ELLs enrolled in ESOL self-contained classes receive intensive English support and individualized instruction that is provided by certified ESOL teachers and bilingual paraprofessionals.

Program Services... continued.

Parent Involvement and Community

Outreach Programs

Parents of ELLs are encouraged to attend semi-annual site-based Parent Leadership Council (PLC) and District Advisory Council (DAC) meetings. These meetings as well as the newsletter and venues listed below are designed to inform parents about the ELL program and academic resources available to parents of ELLs that promote active parent participation in the education of their children.

- **Spanish Story Time @ Barnes and Noble**
- **Literacy Nights @ Barnes and Noble (Quarterly)**
- **Parent University (Participation/Support provided for each event)**
- **Pasos al Futuro (Bilingual College Readiness informational meetings conducted by the District Bilingual Guidance Counselors)**
- **National Welcoming Week (Annual)**

